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2021 VILLAGE COUNCIL ELECTION EDITION

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2021 Village Council Election

April 13, 2021

The Miami Shores Village Council Election will take place on Tuesday, April 13, 2021. All Village registered voters may vote-by-mail or in person at the C. Lawton McCall Community Center located at 9617 Park Drive. Polls will be open from 7 AM to 7 PM. There will be no early voting.

There are four candidates running for three Council seats. The top vote getter is traditionally appointed Mayor and will serve a two-year term as Mayor followed by another two years as a Council Member. The candidate receiving the second highest number of votes traditionally is appointed as the Vice Mayor for two years followed by another two as a Council Member. The candidate with the third highest vote count will serve two years on the Council.

**The 2021 Village Council will be sworn in on
Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 6:30 PM.
(Location TBD)**



If you are presently registered to vote in Miami-Dade County and need to request a VBM ballot, you may request a VBM ballot online, by email, fax, phone or mail. Miami-Dade County voters may choose to receive a VBM ballot for a specific election, or for all elections in which they are eligible to vote through the end of the second regularly scheduled general election. Please note if you selected a 2-year request for VBM ballots, your ballot will be automatically sent to you for the 2021 Miami Shores Village Council Election.

Additionally, you may present, in person at the Elections Department, a picture identification with a signature, or authorize a designee to pick up the VBM ballot on the day prior to Election Day.

A VOTER MUST FIRST BE REGISTERED TO VOTE BEFORE HE OR SHE CAN REQUEST A VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT (VBM).

DEADLINE TO REQUEST VBM:

The deadline to request a vote by mail ballot is 5 PM on the 10th day before the election, April 3, 2021 for the Miami Shores Village Council Election.

VBM QUESTIONS or TO CONFIRM STATUS:

Please contact the Miami-Dade Elections Department at: 305-499-8444 or email votebymail@miamidade.gov.

TO TRACK YOUR BALLOT ONLINE:

https://www.miamidade.gov/global/service.page?Mduid_service=ser151187731708822

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SIGN INSIDE THE RED BOX ON THE BACK OF THE VOTE-BY-MAIL ENVELOPE.



MEET THE 2021 VILLAGE COUNCIL CANDIDATES



SANDRA HARRIS

I am Sandra Harris, candidate for the Miami Shores Village Council. I was born in Miami; my husband and I have lived in Miami Shores since 2003. We raised our son in this beautiful community taking full advantage of the excellent schools, parks and community activities. I have a Master's degree

in Public Administration and I am recently retired. I served as the Director of the City of Miami Office of Transportation Management which merged into the City's Department of Resilience and Public Works. In addition, I served as a Transit Section Chief for Miami Dade Transit. I was also appointed for two (2) terms to the Miami Shores Personnel and Appeals board. I am running for office to simply serve the community that supported me and my family during my parenting and working years. Now that I'm a retired empty nester, I desire to give back to my community and remain a productive citizen. If elected, I will support common sense proposals to facilitate the growth of local businesses; support and maintain the quality of life in our Village while keeping property taxes flat; adopt best practices to address conservation and climate change; and identify additional sources of revenues. I believe in a government that is accessible and responsive to its residents. I am looking forward to serving on behalf of the entire community.



JONATHAN MELTZ

Miami Shores is an amazing place. Our neighbors are friends and family. Our friends and family are neighbors. No other town in Florida can match our sense of community, natural beauty, amenities, city services and most importantly, people. Re-Elect Jonathan so he can continue doing his part to keep

Miami Shores such a great place to live. Having served Miami Shores for the last 4 years, Jonathan has proven his leadership and commitment to the residents. He won't rest on past Village Council accomplishments. He knows there is so much more to do to improve. He wants Miami Shores to act for today and plan for tomorrow. Every council meeting, Jonathan proves his promise to work for our residents. He carefully considers every issue and applies a common sense approach: Asks tough questions. Holds people accountable. Puts aside personal interests. Makes the right choices and does only what's best for the residents of Miami Shores. Visit Jonathan's website to learn more about him and his vision. MeltzforMiamiShores.com. Stop Speeding. Invest in Schools. Protect the Ocean. Reduce. Reuse. Recycle. Make Downtown a Destination. Make Our Streets Safer. Reduce Pesticide Use. Address Sea Level Rise. Improve Recreation. Support Solar and Green Energy.



DANIEL MARINBERG

Miami Shores is a unique Village that offers unbelievable community and greenspaces, beautiful and historic architecture, a downtown business corridor that can and should be the envy of surrounding districts, and most importantly a community that is friendly, caring, and diverse.

When I moved, I had the choice to move to Coral Gables, Morningside, Belle Meade, Miami Beach. But I chose Miami Shores as the place where I want to start my family and to be my last move- my forever home. I care about maintaining the beauty and community that is Miami Shores, while helping to guide the Village in modernizing and updating older facilities, supporting our local businesses and schools, and improving certain aspects of quality of life for all residents, including traffic control and enforcement, expediting permitting and inspections, examining greater storm resiliency through infrastructure upgrades, and generating increased revenues for the Village beyond our taxes. Our Village is already the Village Beautiful, and I hope to join the work that past Councils have done to continue to promote and enhance our Village and meet the needs of our residents.



KATIA SAINT FLEUR

Katia Saint Fleur has dedicated the majority of her professional career to serving the people of Florida. Katia worked as a legislative aide for State Senator Oscar Braynon for six years and she has also worked with the Department of Commerce building

community partnerships for the U.S. Census Bureau in the Southeast Region of the United States. Katia Saint Fleur is currently the principal at KSF & Associates. A boutique governmental and community relations firm that specializes in helping non-profit organizations and associations maneuver through the state legislative process. Katia has over 15 years of experience bringing together local governments, non-governmental agencies and media outlets to educate Florida residents about laws, economic opportunities, educational opportunities, and health issues. As a candidate for Miami Shores Village Council, she looks forward to using all of her acquired skills to make Miami Shores the very best it can be.

Miami Shores Aquatic Center COVID-19 Patron Requirements

ALL patrons (and staff) MUST wear a face covering when not swimming or showering. We ask all patrons to wash their hands often and cover coughs and sneezes. Patrons must also practice social distancing. Anyone experiencing flu-like symptoms must stay home for a period of at least 10 days or until a negative COVID-19 test is attained.

Swimming allowed by RESERVATION ONLY!
Reservations must be made 48 hours in advance by calling 305-795-2241 during open hours. Reservations will be 45 minutes of swimming time with an additional 15 minutes to clear and sanitize for the next reservation. Walk up reservations will be based on availability.

Reservation Days/Hours:

Mon, Wed & Fri: 7-11 AM & 2-7 PM

Tues & Thurs: 6-11 AM & 2-7 PM

Sat: 11 AM - 3 PM

Sun: (Opening Sunday's beginning May 2)
11 AM - 3 PM

Lane Accommodations:

One swimmer per lane maximum
(except family members)

**For more information, please contact
the Aquatic Center at 305-795-2241.**



WILD WATERS
MIAMI SHORES AQUATIC PARK

OPENING SOON

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OPENING WEEKENDS IN MAY & WEEKLY BEGINNING JUNE 14!

Get ready to Splash, Slide and Spray your way through this tropical themed Aquatic Playground. The new playground features 5 slides and over 30 interactive water features including a gigantic Water Bucket Drop that is over 300 gallons of water! The 0' depth entry allows for all ages to enjoy this water playground. Miami Shores residents can bring up to 3 nonresident guests. However, overall capacity will be limited due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. Rentals and Party Packages are not available at this time, but will be available in the future.



PICKLEBALL
OPEN PLAY

Monday—Friday
9:30AM – 2:00PM

Saturday
9:30AM—12:00PM

Fee: \$2.00 per person

BY RESERVATION ONLY! To reserve the court, please contact the Recreation Department at 305-758-8103.
Equipment is available!

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT FLOOD SAFETY:

- Make a family emergency communication plan and include pets.
- Have emergency supplies in place at home, at work, and in the car.
- Check on your neighbors to make sure they're okay.
- Know what to do before, during, and after a flood.
- Flood insurance takes 30 days to take effect, so purchase now to protect your family!
- Listen to local officials by radio, TV or social media.
- Evacuate when advised by authorities or if you are in a flood or flash flood prone area.
- If you are on high ground above flooded areas, being prepared to stay where you are may be the best protection.
- Never drive or walk through flooded streets; Turn Around, Don't Drown! Do not go through flood waters.

**PREPARE FOR
HURRICANE SEASON NOW!**



Children's Programs

Virtual Puppet Theatre: Presented by the Brockway Puppeteers, *The Tortoise and the Hare*, April 7 at 4 PM. Video will be uploaded to all official Miami Shores Village social media accounts.



Virtual Village Kids' Book Club: *The Castle in the Mist* By Amy Ephron, Thursday, April 22 at 3:30 PM. Must pre-register! Space is limited. This book club is best for ages 7 to 10.



Take & Make Kits-For-Kids from the Brockway Children's Library! Monthly Themes to Encourage Literacy and Art! Kits contain a book and a simple craft activity related to the monthly theme. The April theme is WELCOME SPRING. You keep the craft, and just return the book! Must have a Brockway Library card, please call the Library to order (305) 758-8107. Supplies are limited. For kids ages 3 to 7.

National Library Week is April 4 – 10! This year, actress, author, and activist Natalie Portman will lend her star power to shine a spotlight on our nation's libraries as the honorary chair of National Library Week 2021. Celebrate with us! FABLES Children's Library Raffle Giveaway! Win the book, a set of Aesop's hand puppets, a sewing kit and more! Raffle tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. All proceeds benefit the new Children's Wing!



Adult Programs

National Library Week: During the pandemic, libraries have been going above and beyond to adapt to our changing world by expanding their resources and continuing to meet the needs of their users. Whether people visit in person or virtually, libraries offer opportunities for everyone to explore new worlds and become their best selves through access to technology, multimedia content, and educational programs. Learn more at www.ALA.org.

Murder at the Library Live Book Club Event: Brockway Memorial Library in partnership with Baker & Taylor invite you to join this free, virtual Live Book Club Event featuring author, Marie Benedict. The LIVE Book Club event will take place on Wednesday, April 28 at 7 PM. Call the library at 305-758-8107 to get your free copy of *The Mystery of Mrs. Christie* today - available to the first 4 sign ups!

Florida Folklore & Legends: Join Christopher Balzano on Friday, April 9th, for a free virtual program where he will share spooky folklore and legends from all over Florida. This program is intended for adults only. Call to register and for Zoom information at 305-758-8107.

Miami Seed Share Gardening Workshop – Harvesting Seeds from Mature Plants: Did you know that a very important aspect of Brockway Library's Seed Share program is the returning of harvested seeds so that this program may continue to be successful? Would you like to learn how to do this? Join Corinne Mariposa, founder of the Miami Seed Share Program on Earth Day, April 22, at 10:30 AM for this free workshop. Class will be held in person in the Library. Space is limited. Masks required. Social distancing will be enforced. Registration required at 305-758-8107.





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AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

Miami Shores Village complies with the provisions of the Americans With Disabilities Act. If you are a disabled person requiring accommodations or assistance in conjunction with Village functions, facilities, or programs, please notify the Village Clerk’s office at 305-795-2207 of such a need at least 72 hours (3 days) in advance. You may also call this number to request printed material in accessible format, sign language interpreter (5 days advance notice required) or information on available access to individuals with disabilities.

COUNCIL INFORMATION

The April 2021 meetings will be held at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, April 6th and April 20th in the 9900 NE 2nd Avenue Building, Miami Shores, FL 33138.

RECENT COUNCIL ACTION

- Approved the 2021 Election Board (Poll worker list).
- Adopted an ordinance, establishing irrigation/water conservation measures in accordance with the South Florida Water Management District’s Chapter 40E-24, Florida Administrative Code.
- Appointed John Bachay to the Historic Preservation Board.
- Approved a resolution, urging the Florida Legislature to strengthen consumer protection measures to Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Programs; to expand the qualifying improvements that may be financed through pace programs to include conversion from septic tanks to sewer systems and other sewage treatment improvements.
- Directed the Village Manager to work with the Army Corps of Engineers to find suitable alternatives to the Back Bay Study Plan.