

# Miami Shores Village

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## ARE YOU PREPARED FOR A FLOOD IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

The purpose of this information is to provide flood insurance requirements, building standards, and safety measures to be taken to protect yourself and your property. Floods can occur in Miami Shores Village at any time during the year. Heavy rains during the rainy season from June through October pose the greatest threat for flooding. Heavy and prolonged rainfall causes the capacity of the drainage system, including the Village's canals, to be exceeded. Flooding is more severe when the ground has been saturated due to previous heavy rainfall and a higher groundwater table. Due to the flat topography, flooding can occur almost anywhere in the Village. Being prepared is your best defense against a flood.



### STEPS TO PREPARE FOR A FLOOD:

#### STEP 1 - KNOW YOUR FLOOD HAZARD

Regulated floodplains are illustrated on inundation maps called Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs). It is the official map for a community on which FEMA has delineated both the Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs) and the risk premium zones applicable to the community. SFHAs represent the areas subject to inundation by the 1-percent-annual chance flood event. Structures located in the SFHA have a 26-percent chance of flooding during the life of a standard 30-year mortgage. FEMA FIRM maps are available for free public viewing online at [msc.fema.gov/portal](https://www.fema.gov/portal). You can also contact the Planning and Zoning Department (305)762-4864 for help determining if your property is in a flood zone.

#### STEP 2 - INSURE YOUR PROPERTY

Flooding is not covered by a standard homeowner's insurance policy. Flood insurance is available to homeowners, condo owners, commercial owners, and all renters. Renters are encouraged to purchase flood insurance for their homes. Homeowners can get up to \$250,000 of coverage and businesses up to \$500,000. Renters can obtain up to \$100,000 of coverage. Note that there is a 30-day waiting period before coverage goes into effect. That means now is the best time to buy flood insurance! Contact your preferred insurance agency for more information. Additional information can be found online at [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov) or by calling 1-888-379-9531. Copies of Elevation Certificates are available for review at the Building Department. For more information on requirements and availability of elevation certificates, contact the Planning & Zoning Department at (305) 795-2207.

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### **STEP 3 - PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY**

We coordinate with the Miami-Dade County Division of Emergency Management and the National Weather Service in issuing public warnings concerning expected floods and storms. Local television and radio stations may announce weather advisories issued by the National Weather Service. These stations may also provide local weather information:

- Tune in to local AM radio stations WIOD-610 and WINZ-940 for broadcasts in English or WQBA-1140 and WAQI-710 for broadcasts in Spanish. TV emergency broadcasts will be available on WTVJ-Ch 4, WCIX-Ch 6, WSVN-Ch 7, and WLTV-Ch 23 in Spanish.
- All hazard NOAA Weather radios (NWR) are available for purchase in local electronic retail or department stores and provide access to the NOAA Weather Radio Frequencies 162.550 and 162.450.

If flooding threatens your home, turn off electricity at the main breaker. If you lose power, turn off all major appliances. Turn off the gas and be alert for gas leaks. Avoid low-lying areas. Seek shelter in the highest areas possible. Discuss your family emergency plan. Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so it is important to know how you will contact one another, how you will get back together, and what you will do in case of an emergency. Never attempt to drive through flooded roadways. As little as two feet of running water can carry away most vehicles. Turn Around, Don't Drown!

### **STEP 4 - PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY**

Various methods may be used to minimize flooding. If the first floor elevation of your property is lower than the base flood elevation (BFE) established by FEMA, consider elevating your structure. If

you live in a flood zone, protect your property by sandbagging areas vulnerable to the entry of water. Valuables and furniture may also be moved to

### **STEP 5 - BUILD RESPONSIBLY**

A building permit is issued by the Building Department to build a structure or otherwise develop on a property located within a 100-year floodplain. The National Flood Insurance Program requires that if your structure is damaged or improved to an amount of 50% or more of the structure's market value, it must meet the construction requirements for a new building. All new and substantially improved buildings must be built with the lowest floor, including a basement, elevated no lower than the base flood elevation (BFE). All enclosures must be properly designed and constructed with flood vents to minimize damage. Before you build, fill, or otherwise develop in a floodplain, contact the Building Department at (305) 795-2204 to discuss Village regulations. Report any development in a floodplain without a permit to the Building Department.

### **Step 6 - PROTECT NATURAL FLOODPLAIN FUNCTIONS**

Floodplains are a natural component of the Miami Shores environment. Understanding and protecting the natural functions of floodplains help reduce flood damage and protect resources. When flooding spreads out across the floodplain, its energy is dissipated, which results in lower flood flows downstream, reduced streambank and channel erosion, less deposition of sediments, and improved groundwater recharge. Poorly planned development in floodplains can lead to erosion, loss of valuable property, increased downstream flooding, and degradation of water quality. Per the Village and County Code of Ordinances, it is illegal to dump anything in the Village's canals, ponds, lakes, and streams. Dumping materials into our canals or drains pollutes our waters, clogs our storm drains, and leads to flooding in our neighborhoods. For questions, or to report obstructions or violations, please contact the Code Compliance Department at (305) 762-4861.



# THE REC center

305-758-8103



**MESStival Camp:** Variety of messy games, crafts, and activities that give campers a chance to cooperate and create ooey, gooey, slimy messes that they can't make at home. August 9 – 13 from 9 AM - 5 PM. Ages 7 – 12. Residents \$185 | Non-residents \$241.

**Gym Jam Camp:** Come experience a full week filled with flipping, tumbling, balancing, swinging, jumping and twisting through the air in our gymnastics camp. August 2 – 6 from 9 AM - 4 PM. Ages 5 – 14. Residents \$200 | Non-residents \$250.



**Tennis Camp:** Instruction, drills, and games. For players of all levels. Beginners welcome. Monday - Friday, weekly until August 14 from 9:30 AM - 12 PM. Ages 7 & Up. Fee: \$35/daily.

**Super Soccer Stars:** August 8 - September 11. Residents \$150 | Non-residents \$195.

**SESSIONS:**

- 4-5 yr old 9:00 AM - 9:50 AM
- 4-5 yr old 10:15 AM - 11:50 AM
- 5-6 yr old 10:05 AM - 11:05 AM



**SESSIONS:**

- 5-6 yr old 11:20 AM - 12:20 PM
- 7-10 yr old 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
- 7-10 yr old 11:20 AM - 12:20 PM

## Business Spotlight Corner

# Tinta y Café

Tinta y Café is a family-owned and operated neighborhood café. They offer a cozy atmosphere, delicious food, and great coffee. #MSV Grab your friends and family and make your way to Tinta y Café for some café and a delicious sandwich. You will not regret it.



#MSV would like to thank Mr. Tom Benton for his 49 years of service! Mr. Benton spent 22 years as Village Manager and served nearly half a century at Miami Shores Village, from teenage golf course worker to Public Works Director to Village Manager. Best wishes and good luck with your well-deserved retirement.

*Happy Retirement!*



## WAYS OF GIVING TO BROCKWAY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

OUR LIBRARY FLOURISHES BECAUSE OF AN INSPIRING HISTORY OF SUPPORT BY MIAMI SHORES RESIDENTS. A DONATION TO THE BROCKWAY LIBRARY IS AN EXCELLENT WAY TO ENHANCE AND ENRICH LIBRARY SERVICES FOR THE ENTIRE MIAMI SHORES COMMUNITY.

You may donate by visiting Brockway or online by visiting:  
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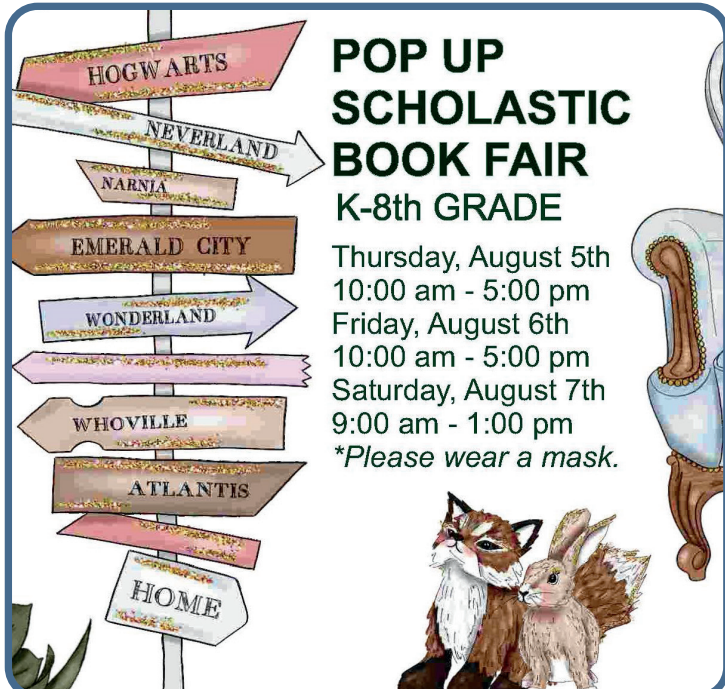


*Save the Date!*

**CALLING ALL LOCAL ARTISANS!**

The 5th Annual Artisan Fair will be held on Saturday, October 2 from 9 AM - 2 PM. Fees are \$40 for new vendors and \$35 for returning vendors. All vendors must specialize in one of a kind,

Are you interested in participating as a vendor? Please contact Brockway Memorial Library Director, Michelle Brown, at 305-758-8107 or by email at [brownm@msvfl.gov](mailto:brownm@msvfl.gov).



**POP UP SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**  
K-8th GRADE

Thursday, August 5th  
10:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Friday, August 6th  
10:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Saturday, August 7th  
9:00 am - 1:00 pm  
*\*Please wear a mask.*

## Children's Programs

**Village Kids' Book Club:** *Book Scavenger* by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman. Thursday, August 19 at 3:30 PM via ZOOM. This book club is best for ages 7 - 10. Space is limited. For more information, please contact Ms. Holsing at 305-758-8107 or by email at [holsingb@msvfl.gov](mailto:holsingb@msvfl.gov).

**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 August theme is *Outdoor Adventures*. You keep the craft, and just return the book! Must have a Brockway Library card, please contact the Library to order by calling 305-758-8107. Supplies are limited. For kids ages 3 to 7. Made possible with a grant from the Miami Shores Community Alliance.



For more information, please contact the Brockway Memorial Library by calling 305-758-8107.



# Miami Shores Village Council

## COUNCIL INFORMATION

As the Council will be in recess for the month of August, the next meeting of the Village Council will be held on Monday, September 13, immediately following the First Budget Hearing, which will commence at 6 PM.

## RECENT COUNCIL ACTION

- Accepted The FY2019 Popular Annual Report Award & FY2020 Popular Annual Report Submission.
- Approved the sale of Mr. Tom Benton's assigned Village vehicle to Mr. Benton for \$12,000.
- Appointed Rasha Cameau, Sunja Leon, Yojana Rodriguez, and Christian Ulvert to the Doctors Charter School Board.
- Appointed Martin Maguth and Clark Reynolds to the Police Retirement Pension Board.
- Approved a resolution, authorizing the Interim Village Manager to be substituted for the retiring Village Manager, as signatory for applicable Village bank accounts.
- Approved a resolution, supporting the Miami-Dade County resolution, creating a County Septic to Sewer Task Force.
- Upheld staff's recommendation to not make changes to the Village Code of Ordinances, as proffered by the Historic Preservation Board, to require all properties constructed prior to 1958, who are applying for demolition, to appear before the Historic Preservation Board for consideration.
- Approved the allocation of \$7,500 for historic markers in three potential locations throughout the Village.
- Established an Ad Hoc Charter Review Advisory Committee, which shall be comprised of seven residents, for the purpose of advising the Village Council on the best practices to amend the Village Charter.
- Directed the Interim Village Manager to review the process, timing, and costs associated with establishing a Village-wide strategic plan and engaging a facilitator.
- Declared July as Parks and Recreation Month.
- Approved an Ordinance on First Reading, amending Chapter 15 of the Code of Ordinances to Add Article III, the "Miami Shores Village Human Rights Ordinance."
- Approved a resolution, setting tentative operating and debt service ad valorem millage levies for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, beginning October 1, 2021, and ending September 30, 2022 and setting the time, date and place for the two public hearings for the fiscal year 2021-2022 operating and capital budgets and proposed ad valorem millage rates.
- Approved the TY Lin proposal for construction engineering inspection services in the amount of \$77,200 for the construction management of the northeast 96th street JPA project.

## employee SPOTLIGHT Finance Department - Controller



*Meet Sarah Simpson!*

Sarah is a graduate of Barry University with both her undergraduate degree in Accounting and a masters in Business Administration with a specialization in Accounting. She began her career with the Village in February 2014, as an Accountant I, and through the years has progressed to Controller. She has her CPA and in 2020 officially earned her Certified Government Finance Officer (CGFO) designation from the Florida Government Finance Officers Association (FGFOA). Along with her CGFO, she was awarded the CGFO of the Year Award for 2021, as she received the overall highest score on the exams of those who received their certification this year.





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Katia Saint Fleur

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**SUPPORT SURFSIDE**

To donate and support those directly impacted by the tragic building collapse in the Town of Surfside, please visit: <http://supportsurfside.org>.

**SLOW SPEED ZONE!**

The Miami Shores Police Department has received concerns from residents as it pertains to watercraft traveling at excessive speeds in our canals/waterways. As a reminder, the canal/waterway abutting your residence is a designated "Slow Speed Zone" and "Manatee Protection Zone." As such, no watercraft may travel at a speed greater than 5-7 mph or 8-11 kph in this area as per Florida State Statutes.

**Back to School**

**Sales Tax Holiday**  
July 31-August 9, 2021

For a list of qualifying items, visit [floridarevenue.com/backtoschool](http://floridarevenue.com/backtoschool)

**WEEKENDS IN THE SHORES**

**CAPTURE MIAMI SHORES VILLAGE!**

Share with us your #MSV views, pets, family outings or simply a beautiful day out in Miami Shores Village.

**Submit your photos for a chance to be featured on our official social media pages every MONDAY! Send your photos by Sunday, 9 PM to [fleitasj@msvfl.gov](mailto:fleitasj@msvfl.gov).**

**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.