

Miami Shores Village

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HURRICANE SEASON

Preparedness Quick Guide

June 1 - November 30

ARE YOU READY?

This 2021 Hurricane Preparedness Quick Guide will help you and your family prepare for this year's hurricane season, which begins on June 1st and ends on November 30th! #MSV the sooner you start preparing, the better! Preparation is key to being hurricane ready!

STORM PREP

As part of your preparation process, take pictures of your home (both interior and exterior) in case your insurance company requests photos. Protect areas where wind can enter. Windows and doors should be secured with storm shutters or you can board up your windows with 5/8-inch plywood. Protect electronics with surge protectors and waterproof coverings.

Having a hurricane plan and stocking the necessary supplies will help during and after the storm. Your plan should include how to respond to severe weather and the loss of electricity. We recommend to be ready to be self-sufficient for at least seven days which includes shelter, food, water and first aid. To view the Hurricane Check List, please turn to page 2.

FLOOD ZONE

If your property is in a flood zone, you should have an evacuation plan so you will know in advance where you will be riding out the storm and how much time you will need to reach your destination.

TREE PRUNING

Do not begin any pruning or cleanup activities during a tropical storm or hurricane watch or warning! Properly pruning trees and shrubs BEFORE hurricane season can reduce the debris generated during a storm. Proper tree pruning also increases the likelihood that a tree can weather a storm.

HURRICANE RECOVERY

After a storm, DO NOT pile storm debris in rear alleyway. Alleyways should be kept clear at all times after the storm to allow trucks through. Place all debris in the front of the house to allow crews clear access to the utility lines. The Village will conduct a Village-wide assessment and disburse crews on a priority basis.

POST-STORM SAFETY

Remain inside until local authorities say it's safe to go outside. If you must go outside, beware of fallen objects and downed electrical wires. Inspect your home for damage to ensure that it's safe to stay there, and check for gas leaks. Stay out of areas with extensive storm damage or flooding. #MSV please be patient, cleanup after a storm can take time.



Check out the rest of this Hurricane Preparedness Quick Guide on page 2 to ensure you're READY for the 2021 Hurricane Season!



IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS & WEBSITES



PREPARE FOR THE 2021 HURRICANE SEASON

FOR POLICE, FIRE OR MEDICAL SERVICE DURING AN EMERGENCY, PLEASE DIAL 9-1-1.

FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:
www.floridadisaster.org

FLORIDA EMERGENCY INFORMATION HOTLINE: 1-800-342-3557

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:
www.miamidade.gov/fire/emergency-management.asp

MIAMI DADE COUNTY:
www.miamidade.gov/hurricane
General Information: 3-1-1

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:
305-468-5400

EMERGENCY EVACUATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: 305-513-7700
SPECIAL MEDICAL NEEDS REGISTRY & SHELTER: 305-513-7700

SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES:
786-469-5000

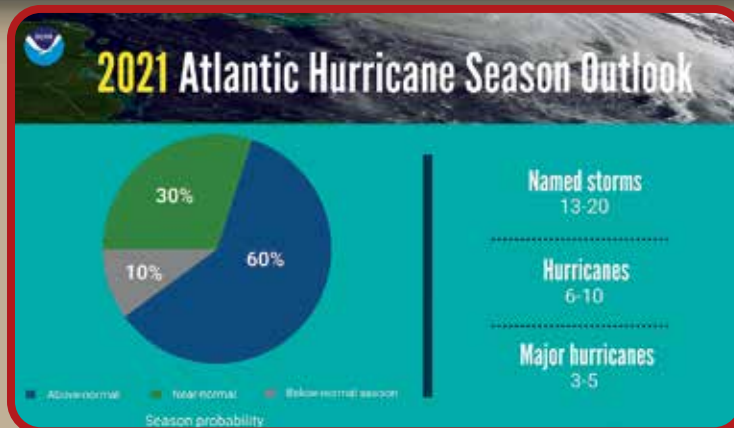
ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL:
305-468-5900

MIAMI SHORES VILLAGE:
www.msvfl.gov
Police Department: 305-759-2468
Fire Department: 9-1-1
Building Department: 305-795-2204
Public Works Department: 305-795-2210

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY:
www.fema.gov
FEMA: 1-800-621-3362

FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT:
www.fpl.com | 1-800-4-outage (468-8243)

For the most current weather information, visit the National Hurricane Center's website at:
www.nhc.noaa.gov



HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS CHECKLIST



- At least one gallon of water per day, per person for 7 days
- Non-perishable snacks and packaged or canned food for days
- Manual can opener
- Change of clothing, rain gear and sturdy shoes.
- Prescription medications, First aid kit
- Personal hygiene items
- Special items such as food for infants, the elderly or disabled family members
- Garbage bags
- Fully charged portable electronic devices with charger
- Eyeglasses, contact lenses, hearing aid with extra batteries
- Pet care items, including food and water
- Flashlights, battery-powered radio and batteries
- Fill up your vehicle gas tank
- Extra set of car keys
- Cash
- Important documents in a waterproof container or bag
- Matches (wood matches are best)
- Bug repellent or spray
- Face covering for every member of your household
- Hand sanitizer

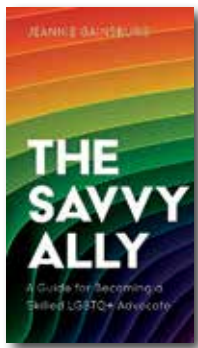
BUILDING DEPARTMENT CORNER

HOME IMPROVEMENT IN DESIGNATED FLOOD HAZARD AREAS

Many times we start planning renovation projects and spend large sums of money on the design without knowing whether or not the project is doable. Before you begin your project please contact your Village Building and Zoning Department. They will be able to provide you with the information you need in order to minimize delays and expenses. In addition to Planning and Zoning regulations, you may have flood requirements. Properties within special flood hazard areas may have higher building requirements. For example, if the cost of the improvement exceeds 50% of the market value of your building (excluding land and other site improvements) prior to the start of construction and the building is below today's flood elevation requirements, you will be required to bring the building into compliance. In many cases, this means that you may be required to demolish the building and reconstruct a new structure. Please keep in mind, if you disagree with the Village's interpretation of the code, there is an avenue for appeal. However overturning the determination of a local government may not be the best solution, as it may require additional expenses of attorney fees and time delays.



HAPPY
PRIDE
MONTH
2021



Join Stonewall National Museum & Archives on Tuesday, June 8 at 6:30 PM for a ZOOM conversation with educator and author Jeannie Gainsburg. Jeannie Gainsburg will share selections from her book, *The Savvy Ally, A Guide for Becoming a Skilled LGBTQ+ Advocate*. FREE. To register, please visit: <https://bit.ly/3fbrnE1>

CHALK IT UP

Let's celebrate the most colorful event of the year! We invite Miami Shores residents of all ages and abilities to show your creativity and help spread messages of positivity for your



neighbors throughout the month of June! The first 50 participants will receive a set of colorful sidewalk chalk at the Community Center starting on June 7 between 10 AM - 3 PM.

Submit your designs to villagranj@msvfl.gov by June 25 and we will share all submissions on our Facebook account - Miami Shores Village Official Government.



Throughout June, the Miami Shores Aquatic Center is hosting a Laps For Pride initiative. The aquatic center will report how many laps were swam during the month of June to commemorate the department's support of diversity and inclusiveness. Regular admission fees apply.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

1. Swim and keep count of your laps.
2. Be sure to record your name and laps at the reporting station located at the pool.
3. A grand total will be posted at the end of June.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

305-758-8103

Children's Programs

Virtual Summer Reading Program - Tails & Tales (Animal Adventures):

Brockway Memorial Library's Virtual Summer Reading Program 2021 is going WILD! Presenting a show everyday, June 14 - August 6 for 8 weeks, from award-winning producers, Page Turner Adventures: Children's entertainment that captures young hearts and minds! Different virtual themes and events every day! Registration begins on June 1. Call or stop by the Library to get your free packet! Supplies are limited. Please call the Library if you have any questions at 305-758-8107. Ages 4 and up!



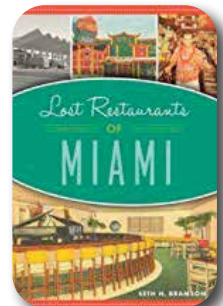
Adult Programs

Artist Reception: Meet Artist, Louis Rosemond, and experience a taste of Haitian Art on Thursday, June 3 at 6:30 PM. Lite bites and refreshments will be served. Due to the pandemic, space is limited for safety. Must register by calling 305-758-8107.



NEA Big Read 2021: Brockway Memorial Library, in collaboration with OSHER Lifelong Learning Institute, invites you to participate in the NEA Big Read discussion of Hope Jahren's book, Lab Girl. Saturday, June 12 at 11 AM. This free virtual event will be held via Zoom. Please call 305-919-5900 to register.

LIVE Author Event - Lost Restaurants of Miami: Kick off your summer with us! On Tuesday, June 22 at 11 AM, long time Miami Shores resident and Historian in Residence, Seth H. Bramson, will put a big smile on your face with Lost Restaurants of Miami, not just his newest book, but one of his four "adult show and tell" presentations. In-person limited seating available. Please wear your mask. This program will also be available via social media for those unable to attend live. Must RSVP: Please call 305-758-8107. Free. Location: Brockway Library Main Reading Room.



Miami Shores LGBT Pride Program: Film Showing/Panel Discussion with Reception

Learn about the rich history in the LGBT equal rights movement from a local perspective. On Thursday, June 10 from 6 - 8 PM at the Miami Theater Center (9806 NE 2nd Ave), Brockway Memorial Library, Miami Theater Center and SAVE will present a documentary, "Passage of An Ordinance", on how local nondiscrimination policies were achieved with a panel discussion facilitated by SAVE Executive Director, Orlando Gonzales, including residents Clark Reynolds, Dennis Leyva, Jorge Mursuli and Rosemary Wilder-Costello. The discussion will include a Q & A session. The program will begin with a wine and cheese reception sponsored by Robert Bourne of Robert Bourne Real Estate, LLC.



Financial Seminar/Reception:

Financial Planning and the LGBTQ Community: Join David Treece, Investment Advisor from the Treece Financial Group, and learn how financial planning can differ for the LGBTQ community on Thursday, June 24 from 5:30 - 7:30 PM at Brockway Memorial Library. Space is limited for this in-person event. Please register: 305-758-8107.

Miami Shores Village Council

COUNCIL INFORMATION

The June 2021 meetings will be held at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, June 1st and June 15th in the 9900 NE 2nd Avenue Building, Miami Shores, FL 33138.

RECENT COUNCIL ACTION

- Adopted an ordinance, amending the code of ordinances, to update the definition of “substantial improvement”.
- Approved resolution, authorizing the current mayor to be substituted for the prior mayor, as signatory for applicable Village bank accounts.
- Directed the Village Clerk to open the two ex-officio (civilian) Police Retirement Pension Board vacancies to village residents and for the Village Clerk to present such applications to the Council in the month of June for consideration.
- Appointed Councilmember Burch to the General Employee Pension Board. However, due to dual office holding provisions that may conflict with Councilmember Burch’s current service on the Police Retirement Pension Board, Councilmember Saint Fleur was temporarily appointed to the General Employee Board until the two vacancies on the Police Retirement Pension Board have been filled.
- Appointed Mayor Harris as council representative and Vice Mayor Marinberg as alternate representative to the Miami-Dade League of Cities.
- Appointed Councilmember Saint Fleur as council representative to the Florida League of Cities and directed the Village Manager to allocate additional funding for the entire Council to attend meetings/conferences.
- Appointed Councilmember Burch as council representative to the Green Corridor District Board of Directors.
- Approved the placement of Hanukkah Menorah at Village Hall.
- Approved the celebration of Pride Month in June 2021 and directed staff to research the costs associated with the celebration and purchase of pride month flags for Council consideration.
- Approved the celebration of May 2021 Haitian Heritage Month and directed staff to organize celebration preparations.
- Directed the Village Attorney to prepare a memorandum concerning Charter amendment process and procedure options along with supporting documentation of the governing documents that provide for said revisions and for such documents to be brought forth for Council consideration.
- Directed staff to look into how municipalities, such as Miami Beach, have been able to achieve the CRS Class 5 rating and to provide information on how risk rating 2.0 works and its implementation period.
- Directed the Village Attorney to request an opinion from the Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics concerning the conflict of interest allegations involving Miami Shores Chief of Police and Advantage Law Enforcement Compliance Inc.
- Directed the Village Clerk to draft and advertise the vacancy announcement for the Interim Village Manager position, highlighting the qualifications discussed, through the various media outlets and professional organization websites; to close the application period on May, 17, 2021, and for the Council to further discuss the timeline of the Interim Village Manager position at a Special Meeting to be held at May 20, 2021 at 6:30 PM.
- Presented Village Manager Tom Benton with a proclamation and token of appreciation in honor of his 49 years of dedicated service to Miami Shores Village.
- Approved a resolution, amending the procedures and restrictions for public comment at Village Council Meetings.
- Directed Village staff to reject the Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) grant requirement concerning the construction of a kayak ramp and to direct staff to work with FIND on negotiating other terms of agreement, and to seek alternative funding options for the Bayfront Park seawall.
- Approved the Aquatics Facility access and use agreement with the Town of Bay Harbor Islands.
- Directed the Village Clerk to schedule individual interviews for the top shortlisted Interim Village Manager position candidates on May 25, 2021 and to organize a Special Meeting on such date, beginning at 6:30 PM, to ask further questions of the candidates as a collective body and to potentially make a final selection.



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MIAMI SHORES VILLAGE

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VILLAGE COUNCIL
Sandra Harris, Mayor
Daniel Marinberg, Vice Mayor
Alice Burch
Crystal Wagar
Katia Saint Fleur

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Thomas J. Benton	Village Manager
Ysabely Rodriguez	Village Clerk
Richard Sarafan	Village Attorney
Directors	
Michelle Brown	Library
Scott Davis	Public Works
Angela Dorney	Recreation
Holly Hugdahl	Finance
Travis Kendall	Planning & Zoning
Kevin Lystad	Chief of Police
Ismael Naranjo	Building
Lazaro Remond	Code Compliance

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Stop mosquitoes from living and multiplying around your home or business.

COVER

Protect yourself from mosquito bites and the diseases they may carry.

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.



Miami Shores Village Business Grant (MSVBG) Program

In order to help our local small businesses with economic recovery from losses due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Miami Shores Village applied and received funding through the Federal CARES Act and Miami-Dade County. This funding is essential for our Village's small businesses who are not only a staple in our community, but are also our neighbors and friends. Mayor, Sandra Harris met with some of our local Miami Shores business owners and presented them with CARES Act checks! We were able to secure checks for over 25 of our local businesses on a first-come, first-served basis. We would like to congratulate all of our MSV business owners who successfully applied for the grant!

