

# Miami Shores Village Vol. 70 No. 9 | September 2022



# Miami Shores Village Wins City Catalyst Grant from Florida League of Mayors and Business Watch

After winning the Florida Citizenship Award in July, yet again Miami Shores Village and Brockway Memorial Library has snagged another award from Florida League of Cities. On August 11, 2022, Mayor Sandra Harris and the Village were the proud recipients of a City Catalyst Grant in the amount of \$2,500 from the Florida League of Mayors and Business Watch for the creation of a StoryWalk in one of the Village's many greenspaces.

The aim of the StoryWalk project is to present a minimum of 3-5 children's stories each year, showcasing their full-color pages along a pathway that will include sixteen professionally installed reading posts set about eight feet apart. Stories will be chosen that encourage community and a connection to one's environment, as well as those which have been recognized for their educational value and merit of their illustrations. Partnering with Miami Shores Parks and Recreation Department, the Library will look to complete the project within 6-12 months. They will also match the amount of the awarded grant and install the StoryWalk at an as-yet determined location within Miami Shores Village.

The concept of a StoryWalk was first created by Anne Ferguson in Montpellier, Vermont.

It provides citizens with an outdoor literary experience that encourages a love of reading, joy of discovery, and creative avenues for exercise.



Mayor Sandra Harris (center) recieves \$2,500 check from Scott Singer, outgoing Florida League of Mayors President(left) and Joe Kilshgimer (right).

## Mental Health Awareness and MSPD

The Miami Shores Village Police Department has added a new design to one of their vehicles. The bright green accents and decals on the vehicle, being driven by Officer Dawn Roig, promote Mental Health Awareness. This follows on the heels of the new phone number, "988", which went live nationwide and replaced the number for the National Suicide Prevention Hotline. The new number offers consultation and other preventative resources to the community and anyone who struggles with mental distress. The hope is that people

will call this number and get help earlier, before a crisis develops. Miami Shores Village Police Chief David Golt is a strong proponent of mental health awareness and understands that early intervention is critical.



Officer Roig, the department's Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Coordinator is one of only a handful of certified CIT Coordinators in Miami-Dade County. "I am excited about the support our new administration has given to our CIT program, stated Officer Roig. "We are developing a new aftercare system to provide residents with

more services following crisis situations as well as a peer support system for our officers."

# INFORMATION

#### **Get to Know Goose**

The Miami Shores Police Department has a top dog, and his name is Goose. K-9 Goose, an 8-1/2-year-old Belgian Malinois German and Dutch Shepherd mix, completed his Police K-9 certification through the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and has since been accredited with the National American Police Work Dog Association (NAPWDA).



Born in the Netherlands, Goose joined the agency in November of 2016, just before his second birthday. He works alongside fellow police officers of the Miami Shores Police Department aiding them in search and apprehension. In addition to working with the Department, Goose has also worked alongside K-9s in other municipalities such as Aventura, Miami Gardens, and North Miami. In his off-time, Goose lives with his handler, Will at home. His hobbies include sunbathing and being a couch potato. He also enjoys peanut butter ice cream, and Starbucks "Puppuccino".

Goose is a valuable asset to the Miami Shores Police Department and the community he serves. He can also be seen on Instagram at <u>K-9 Goose</u>. Should you visit his IG page you will notice photographs of him that define his character as playful and sometimes witty.



## **New Tree on the Block**

Max Sultz from Eagle Scout Troop 1305 is planting for a good cause. He planted a gumbo limbo tree at Constitution Park with an arboretum sign that contains a QR code. Passersbys can use their phone to scan the QR code, which directs them to a website which Sultz designed. The site provides visitors with information on the tree, including its origin and other tidbits.



He also plans to place additional signs around the park in the near future to help educate the public about the gumbo limbo tree. Please check out the newly planted gumbo limbo tree along

5th Avenue Road and scan the QR code to learn more about this magnificent addition to Constitution Park.





# **NE 96th Street Project Update**

The project on NE 96th Street from NE 2nd Avenue to NE 6th Avenue corridor has been completed. The permanent stripping is pending until asphalt cures and miscellaneous work to include SOD replacement is expected to be completed shortly.



The imperfections on the asphalt by the new drains will be redone. Once Phase One is 100% complete, work will then continue on Phase Two between NE 6th Avenue and NE 10th Avenue.



# SEPTEMBER 2022

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4	Labor Day Village Offices Closed	6	7	MODS STEMobile! 4pm-5pm (BML)	9	Saturdays in the Shores 10:30am-12pm (BML)	
Doggie Dip 11am-2:30pm (Miami Shores Aquatic Park)	12	First Budget Hearing 6pm Council 6:30pm Meeting (9900 N.E. 2nd Ave.)	14	VILLAGE KIDS BOOK CLUB! 4pm-5pm Night at the Library (BML) 5:30pm-7:30pm	Plaza 96 6pm-9:30pm (DMS-NE 2nd Ave & 98 Street)	SATURDAY STORYTIME! 10:30am-11:15am Saturdays in the Shores (BML) 10:30am-12pm	
18	19	20	AUTHOR VISIT S.A. Rodriguez Treasure Tracks 4pm-5pm (BML)	First Budget Hearing 6pm Council 6:30pm Meeting (9900 N.E. 2nd Ave.)	How to Plan for Retirement: Before, During, and After 10:30am-12pm	Saturdays in the Shores 10:30am-12pm (BML)	
25	26	27	28	Planning and Zoning Meeting 6:30pm (9900 N.E. 2nd Ave.)	30		

BML: Brockway Memorial Library - 10021 NE 2nd Ave., Miami Shores, FL 33138 Miami Shores Aquatic Park - 10200 Biscayne Blvd., Miami Shores, FL 33138

# **SEPTEMBER EVENTS - Library**

### **MODS STEMobile!**

September 8, 2022 | 4:00pm - 5:00pm

For kids, grades K-5

### Registration required, space is limited!

Join us as we welcome the Museum of Discovery and Science mobile makerspace - known as **MODS STEMobile!** The Museum on Wheels provides innovative making



and educational science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) learning opportunities by allowing everyone to roll up their sleeves, tinker with tech and solve design challenges in a handson way.

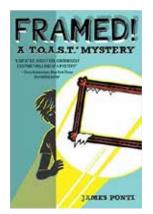
Presented by the Museum of Discovery and Science. Contact: Ms. Holsing at (305) 758-8107 or email <a href="mailto:holsingb@msvfl.gov">holsingb@msvfl.gov</a> if you would like to join.

## Village Kids Book Club!

September 15, 2022 | 4:00pm - 5:00pm

For kids, ages 7-10

Registration required, space is limited!



## FRAMED By James Ponti

Get to know the only kid on the FBI Director's speed dial and several international criminals' most wanted lists all because of his Theory of All Small Things in this hilarious start to a brand-new middle grade mystery series.

Please register and get your copy of the book selection

at the Library. Contact: Ms. Holsing at (305) 758-8107 or email <a href="mailto:holsingb@msvfl.gov">holsingb@msvfl.gov</a> if you would like to join.

# Miami Shores Night at the Library

September 15, 2022 | 5:30pm-7:30pm

For Adults

Reservation appreciated

The Library is opening its Archives for a very special evening! Featuring wine and cheese sponsored by DWK Realty.

Do you have Miami Shores memorabilia that you

would like to see become a part of Village history? Library staff welcomes you to bring your potential donations for consideration. The Library is looking for items of local historical interest: pictures, articles, old books from the early days of development and pioneering dat-



ing back to 1932, the year Miami Shores Village was incorporated.

To register for this event, please contact the Library at (305) 758-8107 or email brownm@msvfl.gov.

## **Saturday Storytime!**

**September 17, 2022 | 10:30am – 11:15am**For kids, ages 3 and up

Registration required, space is limited!
MISS NELSON IS MISSING

By Harry Allard | Illustrated by James Marshall



Miss Nelson is the nicest teacher in the whole school. She never yells, and she gives the easiest assignments. Then one day Miss Nelson is not at school. There is a



substitute, Miss Viola Swamp, who immediately lays down the law - no talking, no goofing off in class - and gives lots of homework. Where is the wonderful, unappreciated Miss Nelson? Is she ever coming back?

# **Author Visit!**

September 21, 2022 | 4:00pm - 5:00pm For kids, 3rd - 5th grades Registration required, space is limited!

## TREASURE TRACKS By S. A. Rodriguez



A debut middle-grade adventure about a young teen who goes on a treasure hunt for undersea riches to help his ailing Abuelo.

Come meet local author S. A. Rodriguez! She is a Latina writer, researcher, and former head of U.S. Hispanic marketing for

Citibank, where she supported diversity initiatives.

Contact: Ms. Holsing at (305) 758-8107 or email holsingb@msvflgov if you would like to join.

# **SEPTEMBER EVENTS - Parks and Recreation**



# **Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month**

Hispanic Heritage Month is nationally celebrated in September, beginning on the 15th and running through October 15th. The beginning of Hispanic Heritage Month, September 15th, coincides with the Independence Day celebrations of five "Central American neighbors," as President Lyndon B. Johnson called them—Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. Those five nations declared their independence from Spain on September 15, 1821. The celebration in the U.S. dates to September 17, 1968, when it began as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Johnson.

On August 17th, 1988, President Ronald Reagan expanded the week into a month-long celebration. This annual celebration honors the history and culture of U.S. Latino and Hispanic communities across the nation. Miami Shores Village proudly celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month beginning September 16th, with a special Plaza 98 starting at 6pm. This special celebration will feature Hispanic food, music, and culture. You won't want to miss it!

The festivities continue on September 22nd as the Brockway Memorial Library will be hosting an author visit from Latina writer, S. A. Rodriguez with her book Treasure Tracks, a book for children in grades 3rd-5th. It is not to be missed!







# **NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES CORNER**

# **Neighborhood Services Friendly Reminder**

Local businesses are an integral part to our community and help to draw visitors to Miami Shores Village. Business Tax Receipts are a requirement for any business that is operating from any private property within the Shores. This requirement is also applied to home offices and rental properties. The cost of a Business Tax Receipt is based on a fee schedule that is included in our ordinances. As we near the end of the fiscal year, all businesses and local professionals must be compliant with regulations.

The Neighborhood Services Department has completed the invoicing for business tax renewals for fiscal year 2022-2023. The payments must be remitted to the Village by September 30. If the tax is not paid by the due date, there are penalties that could be applied. This applies to all businesses located within Miami Shores Village. If you currently have a business and have not applied for a BTR or if you are having trouble renewing your current BTR, please do not hesitate to contact our Offices to



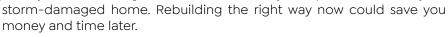
guide you through the process. The instructions on how to pay online are included with the invoices that have been mailed out to the addresses on file with our department. Please visit <a href="bit.ly/3A4a1Do">bit.ly/3A4a1Do</a> for ordinance relating to Business Tax Receipts in MSV.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Neighborhood Services Department at 305-795-2207 Ext. 4862.

# **Thinking About Doing a Repair?**

Over the last few months, we have been spared from experiencing a bad storm event and very fortunate to not have had a hurricane in South Florida the likes of Hurricane Andrew. This does not negate the fact that there will be inclement weather episodes in South Florida in the future. Inclement weather conditions throughout the year can cause damage to your home. When that happens, FEMA and the Village are here to help. If your property has sustained any type of damage and you need guidance on the steps to address the damages, you can always contact Te Neighborhood Services Departments in the Village before you begin any repairs. The first step in addressing the damage is to obtain a permit. A permit in Miami Shores is required for all projects over \$100.00 or almost all renovations.

Move your storm recovery forward by making sure you have the right information before you repair and rebuild your





It's important to reach out to our Building Officials to ensure the time and money you invest in repairing and rebuilding meets all local codes and ordinances. Every part of a building—from roofs, walls and siding to plumbing, septic systems and heating/air conditioning systems—may require a permit before rebuilding. A permit is also needed for demolition.

Permits protect owners, residents, communities, and buildings by making sure repairs and/or construction meets current building codes, standards, floodplain ordinances and construction techniques. Permits also provide a permanent record of compliance with elevation and/or retrofitting requirements, which is valuable information when selling the structure or obtaining flood insurance coverage.

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the Neighborhood Services Department at 305-795-2207 Ext. 4862.

# **KIDS CORNER**

# **SPOT THE DIFFERENCE!**



Autumn is a time of change with the leaves changing color and the weather turning cooler. It's a fun time to celeberate with friends and family. Can you spot 10 differences between these two fun autumn illustrations? Answers are on the last page. No peeking!







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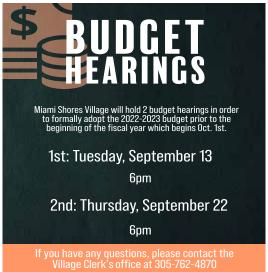
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#### **KIDS CORNER - ANSWER KEY**

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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 305-762-4870 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, a sign language interpreter (5 days advance notice required) or information on available access to individuals with disabilities.



