

# MIAMI SHORES VILLAGE

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## Traffic Advisory Committee Kicks Off



Pictured left to right Mr. Deepak Ganju, Mr. Timothy Crutchfield, Ms. Nicole Hedmark and Ms. Nora Olaso. Absent is Mr. David Stein.

At 10AM on July 26, 2023, the newly formed Traffic Advisory Committee had its inaugural meeting in the Council Chambers at Village Hall.

The committee that is established “for the purpose of studying and making recommendations regarding traffic patterns, barricades, street closures, and other traffic-related issues within the Village,” was given procedural directions and guidelines from Village Clerk Ysabely Rodriguez, and the Village’s co-counsel Chanae Wood advised on communication and the Sunshine Law. During the 90 minute meeting, the committee discussed traffic studies, patterns, the different jurisdictional borders (county, state and local roads), upcoming roadway projects, and larger traffic issues. Public Works Director Chris Miranda, who serves as staff liaison, answered salient questions on processes and procedures for traffic flow and status update of the recommendations from the Village’s 2016 traffic study.

Tim Crutchfield was voted Chair, Nicole Hedmark, Vice Chair, and Nora Olaso, Secretary. Beginning September 12, 2023, the committee will meet on second Tuesdays beginning at 6PM.

## FDOT Roadway Project underway along 103 Street



### SCOPE OF WORK:

As part of this project, the following work will be performed:

- Reconstructing concrete sidewalk, curb ramps, and curb and gutter
- Installing new or replacing existing pedestrian pushbutton poles
- Upgrading vehicular and pedestrian signage and pavement markings
- Upgrading select light poles with new Light Emitting Diode (LED) lights
- Installing a new drainage structure at the intersection of NE 2 Avenue
- Adjusting existing manholes and water valves throughout the project corridor
- Repaving and restriping the roadway

### LANE CLOSURE INFORMATION:

There will be daytime and nighttime lane closures (as needed) during non-peak hours which are:

- 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., weekdays and weekends
- 9 p.m. to 5:30 a.m., Sunday through Thursday nights
- 11 p.m. to 7 a.m., Friday and Saturday nights.

### DETOURS INFORMATION:

During the scheduled lane closures, there may be times when detours will need to be implemented during both daytime and nighttime activities.

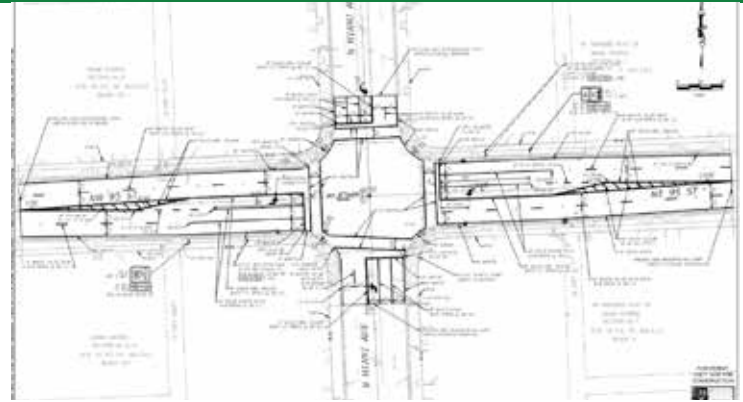


## Sergeant Abner Vargas Graduates

We are thrilled to announce that Sergeant Abner Vargas, a valued member of our law enforcement team, has recently graduated from the Southern Police Institute on June 23, 2023. The Southern Police Institute University of Louisville is an advanced education and training course whose mission is to enhance the professional development of law enforcement practitioners. This momentous achievement marks a significant milestone in Sergeant Vargas' career and highlights his unwavering dedication to professional growth and development.

Throughout his time at the institute, Sergeant Vargas has demonstrated exceptional leadership qualities, an outstanding work ethic, and a deep sense of responsibility in his role of serving and protecting our community. Despite the demanding nature of his job as a law enforcement officer, Sergeant Vargas successfully balanced his professional responsibilities with the rigorous academic requirements, showcasing his commitment to excellence and lifelong learning.

Please join us in celebrating Sergeant Abner Vargas' graduation and wishing him continued success in his career.



## Miami-Dade County's Signalized Intersection Upgrade: Improving Safety and Resilience

Miami-Dade County is taking significant strides in improving its transportation infrastructure with a transformative project at the intersection of N. Miami Ave and NE/NW 95th St. This essential intersection upgrade addresses two critical concerns – flooding and traffic congestion. To combat flooding issues during heavy rainfall and storms, the county has implemented an advanced drainage system to efficiently collect and divert excess water away from the intersection, protecting properties and ensuring smoother traffic flow during inclement weather.

The second crucial aspect of the project involves the expansion of the intersection to incorporate dedicated left-turn lanes in both the eastbound and westbound directions. This enhancement aims to alleviate traffic congestion and reduce the risk of accidents caused by merging vehicles. By providing designated spaces for left turns, drivers will experience improved visibility and maneuverability, leading to safer and more efficient traffic movements.

The benefits of this intersection upgrade extend beyond immediate traffic improvements. The drainage system ensures the resilience of Miami-Dade County's infrastructure, minimizing disruptions caused by flooding and reducing the financial burden of flood damage repair. Simultaneously, the introduction of left-turn lanes enhances overall road safety, contributing to fewer accidents and injuries.

## Lights Out for Suspects Caught

Over the last year, our community experienced light outages Village-wide, most noticeably on Biscayne Boulevard and North Miami Avenue. Initial concerns were directed to FP&L, who by default would repair light outages. However, as outages spread, not only further in the Village, but County-wide, it was determined this was not a simple electrical issue, but rather criminal in nature. Public safety is of utmost concern as dark roads may lead to increased accidents as well as other factors. The Miami Shores Police Department, in collaboration with corresponding agencies throughout Miami-Dade County were able to apprehend the perpetrators responsible for thefts that

left our Village in the dark...but now it's lights out for them. Through unified efforts and the tireless dedication of our Police Department, we are now able to work with FP&L and Miami-Dade County to restore services. Chief David Golt stated, "We are determined to bring an end to this criminal enterprise that has caused distress to our community and neighboring areas. Our unified effort and tireless dedication have proven instrumental in dismantling this operation, but we will not rest until all those responsible are brought to justice."

Much damage was done during these criminal activities so we crave for your patience as we push forward with restoration efforts to get roadways illuminated once again.

# Miami Shores Village August 2023 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> Scholastic Book Fair. 11 am – 7 pm	<b>2</b> Scholastic Book Fair. 11 am – 5 pm	<b>3</b> Scholastic Book Fair. 11 am – 7 pm  Code Board Meeting Village Hall 6:00PM	<b>4</b> Scholastic Book Fair. 11 am – 5 pm  AvMed/OSHER Drawing for Longevity 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	<b>5</b> Yoga with Mariana Scotti Library Sydow Wing 10:00 AM  Scholastic Book Fair. 11 am – 2 pm
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Yoga with Mariana Scotti Library Sydow Wing 10:00 AM
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Brockway Reading Circle 6:00 PM	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Yoga with Mariana Scotti Library Sydow Wing 10:00 AM
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Sound Bath Journey with Franci Blanco 6:30 PM	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Yoga with Mariana Scotti Library Sydow Wing 10:00 AM
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> End of Summer Concert 6:00 PM		<b>Key</b> KIDS ADULTS ALL AGES MEETINGS

The Village Council is on hiatus for the month of August.

## Sustainable Miami Shores Corner

August is a special month for outdoor lovers. On August 4th, the Anniversary of the Great American Outdoor Act is celebrated. This act is essential to conservation and restoring and protecting lands and waters of the nation. If you love the outdoors, you most likely encountered bees along your treks and adventures. On August 19, 2023, National Honey Bee Day is celebrated and what a better way to “bee” engaged in your community to plant a pollinator flower or shrub in your yard! You can find the perfect plants for pollinators at the UF/IFAS Gardening Solutions website at : <https://gardeningsolutions.ifas.ufl.edu/design/gardening-with-wildlife/bee-plants.html>



# Library News & Events

305 758 8107



## 2023 Pop Up Scholastic Book Fair

Kids in grades K-8, come and shop your favorite authors and fun back-to-school supplies!

Tuesday, August 1st – Friday, August 4th starting at 11am and Saturday, August 5th at 10am.  
Hope to see you there!

## Candlelit Breathwork and Sound Bath Journey

Host Franci Blanco will use sound and scent to guide you through an evening of meditation. Please bring a yoga mat and plan to arrive early.

Thursday, August 24th at 6:30pm

Register via Eventbrite

\$25 per person

Library Sydow Wing



## A "Celebration of American Music" with Matthew Sabatella and the Rambling String Band

Thursday evening, August 31st, at 6pm.

Tickets are available via Eventbrite

\$15 per person

Library Great Room

With vocals, guitar, banjo, fiddle, mandolin, and bass fiddle, this local musical group aims to "connect people with music that is woven into the fabric of the United States."

Their traditional folk songs, fiddle tunes, old-time country, ragtime, blues, spirituals, ballads, and more will move your body and hearts.

Don't miss it! Call 305-758-8107 to learn more.

This is an intergenerational program.

Ages 8-80+ welcome!

# Shores Summer Camp Continues to Soar



This past month Miami Shores had a thrilling and unforgettable Summer Camp Fun, catering to kids aged 5-15! With over 250 enthusiastic campers enrolled each week, the energy and excitement were off the charts. Our action-packed days were filled with incredible adventures like wakeboarding, and Escape Rooms for our teen campers. Our younger campers experienced the ultimate aquatic delight at Rapids Water Park. But that's not all! We offered an array of specialty camps to cater to various interests, including budding tennis champions, master bakers at the Bakeshop camp, nimble gymnasts perfecting their flips and agility, creative minds exploring boundless possibilities at Lego Camp, and young scientists uncovering wonders at the Little Scientist camp. At Summer Camp Fun, every moment was an opportunity for growth, learning, and, most importantly, a whole lot of fun!

# Protecting your Property from Flood Damage

## Essential Tips for Our Community

Protect your property from potential flood damage. Follow these basic tips to minimize the impact of floods on your home or business:

- **Sandbag vulnerable areas:** Place sandbags in areas where water is likely to enter your property. This simple measure can significantly reduce the risk of water damage.
- **Maintain gutters and downspouts:** Regularly clean your gutters and downspouts to ensure rainwater from the roof flows away from your building effortlessly. Proper water runoff and drainage are crucial to prevent excess water from accumulating near your property.
- **Monitor swales and storm drains:** Keep nearby swales and storm drains free from debris to maintain their functionality. Clearing obstructions helps prevent water from backing up and causing flooding in your area.
- **Elevate major appliances:** To minimize flood-related damage, elevate essential appliances above the base flood elevation. This step can save you from costly repairs and replacements.
- **Relocate valuable belongings:** Move furniture, rugs, electronics, and other valuable items to higher floors or, at the very least, off the ground level floor. This measure can help prevent damage to your belongings in case of a flood.
- **Implement property protection measures:** Consider constructing a small flood wall, earthen berm, or redirecting drainage to keep water away from your building. These methods can provide additional protection to your property.

Before making any alterations to your property, consult the Village's Building Department at (305) 795-2204. They can provide guidance and approval for any changes you wish to make. By taking these proactive measures, you can safeguard your property and ensure the safety of our community.



# Business Buzz Corner

Welcome to our new Business Buzz Corner where we provide information to support our local Miami Shores Village businesses. With over 94% of our local businesses having 10 or less employees, the Village takes particular interest in bolstering the efforts of our small businesses to ensure their sustainable growth. These businesses form the backbone of our local Miami Shores Village market and provide essential products and services that benefit area residents.

Visit our website and check out our toolkit that provides important resources, from business grants, demographic data, and steps to obtain a business tax receipt, to details about the Miami Shores Village Market. Consider this toolkit your one stop shop for business related info. We look forward to continued partnerships with our local MSV Chamber of Commerce to ensure continued success.

<https://www.msvfl.gov/department/uncategorized/economic-development-toolkit>

We offer a special welcome to our newest businesses who have chosen to make MSV their hometown:

**Landscape Miami**  
<https://lanscapemiami.com/>

**SOUTH BEACH SHADES**

**South Beach Shades**  
<https://southbeachshades.co/>



## Local Business Tax Receipts (BTR)

A Local Business Tax Receipt is required for any business performing services or selling goods, advertising goods for sale on the internet or renting a property with a Village address.

For more information please contact our Neighborhood Services Department at 305-762-4861 or visit us online at [www.msvfl.gov](http://www.msvfl.gov).



## July 2023 Council Action Notes:

- **Appointed Timothy Crutchfield, Deepak Ganju, Nicole Hedmark, Nora Olaso, and David Stein to the Ad Hoc Traffic Advisory Committee.**
- **Approved an interlocal agreement between Miami Shores Village and the Village of El Portal for construction of a traffic calming device at the intersection of NW 2nd avenue and NW 91st street.**
- **Directed the Village Manager to pursue a Septic to Sewer Master Plan.**
- **Approved the award of request for proposals #2023-04-05 Miami Shores Village Audio Visual Services, authorizing the Village Manager to enter into agreement with Full Moon Creative, LLC, for a term of three years with the option of two additional one year renewals for a possible total of five years in an amount not to exceed annual budgeted funds.**
- **Approved the award of request for proposals "#2023-04-04 Digital Content Management Services" to the top ranked firm, authorizing the Village Manager to negotiate and enter into agreement with Identity Media, INC, for a term of three (3) years with the option of two (2) additional one (1) year renewals for a possible total of five (5) years in an amount not to exceed annual budgeted funds**
- **Set the tentative operating and debt service ad valorem millage levies for fiscal year 2023-2024, beginning October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024; setting the time, date and place for the two public hearings for the fiscal year 2023-2024 operating and capital budgets and proposed ad valorem millage rates.**
- **Directed the Village Manager to explore Public Private Partnerships (P3) or other uses for the 9900 Building and to explore renovation options for Council Chambers by the first meeting in December 2023.**

## Boards with Upcoming Vacancies:

Want to get involved in your community? Apply to serve on a Village board/committee. Below is a list of upcoming vacancies. The application is located on the Village Website (under the government tab) and the deadline to apply is August 25, 2023. For more information regarding specific boards and committees, you may contact the Village Clerk's Office at [officeofthevillageclerk@msvfl.gov](mailto:officeofthevillageclerk@msvfl.gov).

- **Ad Hoc Communications Committee (5 vacancies)**
- **Code Enforcement Board (2 vacancies)**
- **Country Club Advisory Board (4 vacancies)**
- **Education Advisory Board (3 Vacancies)**
- **Fine Arts Commission (4 vacancies)**
- **General Employee Pension Board (3 vacancies)**
- **Historic Preservation Board (3 vacancies)**
- **Personnel Appeals Board (3 vacancies)**
- **Planning & Zoning Board (2 vacancies)**
- **Police Retirement Pension Board (3 vacancies)**
- **Recreation Advisory Committee (5 vacancies)**
- **Sustainability & Resiliency Committee (3 Vacancies)**

### VILLAGE COUNCIL FIRST BUDGET HEARING

Tuesday, September 5, 2023

6:00 PM

9900 NE 2ND AVENUE

MIAMI SHORES, FL 33138



**(The regular Village Council Meeting will begin immediately following the Budget Hearing at 9900 NE 2nd Avenue).**

Miami Shores Village complies with the provisions of the Americans with Disability Act. If you are a disabled person requiring any accommodations or assistance, including materials in accessible format, a sign language interpreter, or assistive listening devices, please notify the Village Clerk's office of such need at least 5 days in advance.

In accordance with Village Code and section 2-11.1(s) of the Miami-Dade County Code, any person engaging in lobbying activities, as defined therein, must register at the Village Clerk's Office before addressing the Council.

## Rain Barrel Workshop held

On July 8, 2023, Brockway Memorial Library was host to Urban Horticulture Program Specialist, Ms. Barbara McAdam from the UF/IFAS Extension Miami Dade County. Ms. McAdam presented a workshop on water conservation, reducing our water footprint through the use of rain barrels in our homes. Rain barrels collect free rainwater to water gardens, trees, and lawns. This saves you money on water bills, and helps reduce demand for energy-intensive treated tap water, limits stormwater runoff and erosion, and saves water for use during droughts. Installing a rain barrel is one of the easiest ways to reduce your water footprint and help recharge our systems of rivers, streams, wetlands, lakes, springs, aquifers and estuaries across the state. If you are interested in purchasing a rain barrel, you may contact UF/IFAS at <https://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/miami-dade/>.



## Doggie Dip Day September 17th

Summer at the Miami Shores Aquatic Center is always bustling with activity as camps, families and friends come take a dip in our Wild Waters Aquatic Park. At the end of the summer, join us as we host a special day for all the dogs in Miami Shores to come take a dip at the park as well. Clear your calendars on September 17th for a pawesome and splashtastic event!



Sunday, August 13th  
10:00-3:00pm

*Miami Shores*

## SUMMER FARMER'S MARKET

Vendors, Food trucks, live music,  
kids activities, plant based products and  
more.



The Shores "Summer Market" kick off is August 13, 2023 with live music, vendors, food trucks and more. Regular Sunday markets will start in mid-September. Vendor registration is now open. Visit [Thefloridamarketplacegroup.com](http://Thefloridamarketplacegroup.com).

# Miami Shores Village



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Miami Shores, FL 333138



## Village Council

George Burch	Mayor
Jesse Valinsky	Vice Mayor
Jerome Charles	Councilmember
Sandra Harris	Councilmember
Daniel Marinberg	Councilmember

## Charter Officers

Esmond K. Scott	Village Manager
Ysabely Rodriguez	Village Clerk
Sarah Johnston	Village Attorney

## Administration

Tanya Wilson	Deputy Village Manager
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## Village Departments

Michelle Brown	Library
Angela Dorney	Recreation
David Golt	Chief of Police
Claudia Hasbun	Planning and Zoning
Holly Hugdahl	Finance
Chris Miranda	Public Works
Ismael Naranjo	Building
Mike Orta	Manager Neighborhood Services

## Newsletter

Designed by Vaco Studio

If you prefer to receive the newsletter via email, simply go to [www.msvfl.gov](http://www.msvfl.gov) and register your email address.

### Contact us:

Tel: 305-795-2207

Fax: 305-756-8972

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