



Miami Shores Village



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Councilwoman Crystal Wagar Resigns Due to Stiff Lobbying State Law

On December 29, 2022, former Councilwoman Crystal Wagar tendered her resignation as a Councilmember of Miami Shores Village. In her letter to the City Manager, Ms. Wagar cited FL Statute 112.3122 as the reason for not being able to serve out the remainder of her term. Her term would have ended in April 2023. In May 2022, Governor DeSantis signed the state legislature-approved law that implemented the amendment (Amendment 12) that went into effect on December 31, 2022.



Councilwoman Crystal Wagar

Crystal Wagar who has enjoyed more than two decades of acclaimed public service and government experience in both the private and public sectors has served on the executive board of the Miami Dade County League of Cities and on the Miami Dade County Biscayne Bay Watershed Management Advisory Board. Wagar created history in 2019 when she became the first African American to be appointed Mayor since the Village's incorporation in 1932. In her 4 year term Wagar, who served during the tough COVID-19 years, has advocated for, and seen the results of, a more diverse workforce, body cams for the Police, among other welcomed changes.

In the closing line of her resignation, Wagar wrote, "It has been my honor to serve my community, serve with my esteemed colleagues and work with the incredible Miami Shores staff."

Two New Members appointed to Village Council

During the first two Village Council meetings held this past January, two new Village Councilmembers were

appointed. Timothy Crutchfield was sworn in during the first Village Council meeting on January 3rd, 2023 and Wesley Castellanos on January 17th, 2023. Councilmember Crutchfield and Councilmember Castellanos have replaced Councilwomen Katia Saint Fleur and Crystal Wagar, who both resigned in December citing a new Florida statute provision that prohibits paid lobbyists from holding public office, that law took effect on January 1st.

Councilmember Crutchfield is no stranger to Miami Shores, being a 27-year resident, attorney and former Planning and Zoning board member for the Village from 1999 to 2005.

"I will try to make sure that we maintain a healthy balance book," he spoke upon his appointment, "and that we're cautious about our financial aspects and protect the financial strength of the Village as we move forward."



From left to right: Councilmember Timothy Crutchfield, and Councilmember Wesley Castellanos get sworn in by Village Clerk Ysabely Rodriguez

Councilmember Castellanos also has history with the Village, formerly being part of the Historic Preservation Board.

"My goal will be," Castellanos said to the Council, "to make Miami Shores more beautiful than what it is now." Both councilmembers will remain in office until the end of their predecessors' terms on April 11th, 2023.

We at Miami Shores Village would like to congratulate Councilmember Crutchfield and Councilmember Castellanos on their new appointments and welcome them both to our Village Beautiful.

A Glimpse at Our Proposed Sustainable Initiative

Miami Shores Village recently proposed a new project called the Sustainable Miami Shores Initiative, which is geared towards laying out a blueprint of the Village's approach to implementing the sustainability and resilience goals outlined in the Strategic Management Plan. As is the case with much of South Florida, Miami Shores Village is a small compact community that sits on bedrock that is primarily comprised of limestone particles. Limestone is a highly porous sedimentary rock that easily captures and conducts water, which makes the Village highly prone to coastal and inland flooding.

As a coastal community, the Village sits in a path of vulnerability that makes it susceptible to disruptions due to hurricanes, flash floods, king tides, and sea-level rise. Some of these existing stressors and threats are projected to exacerbate overtime.



As our climate changes, temperatures increase and sea levels rise. Experts predict that storm events will intensify. As articulated in the Adopted Strategic Management Plan, efforts are underway to build upon the investments of the past, to further fortify the Village's infrastructure and create a more sustainable, climate-resilient community.

The Planning, Zoning and Resiliency Department has been tasked with spearheading the Sustainable Miami Shores Initiative by working collaboratively with the Sustainability Committee, Public Works Department, and the Neighborhood Services Department (Flood Mitigation Division). Efforts will be made to keep residents and stakeholder groups engaged on the topic of sustainability and resilience.

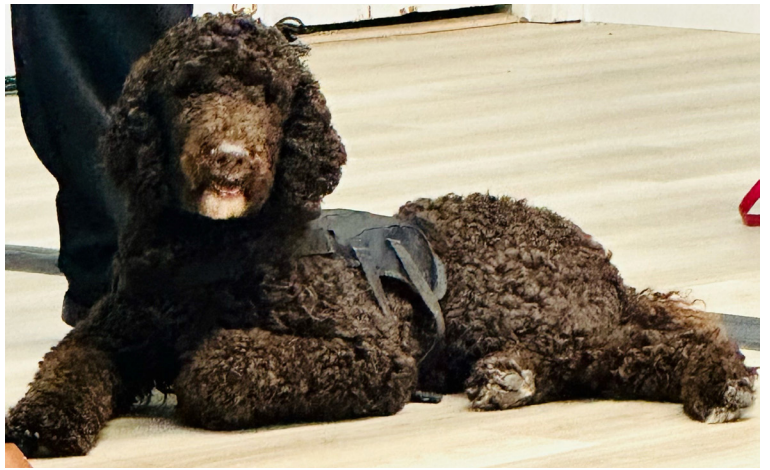
The Initiative would bring policies and projects such as storm water projects, Bayfront Park and seawall improvements, and land development regulations.

For more information contact Planning, Zoning & Resilience Director Claudia Hasbun at hasbunc@msvfl.gov

K-9 Troy Joins the Ranks

The Miami Shores Police Department is delighted to introduce Officer Troy as the latest member to join our ranks on January 10th. And yes, you may see that Officer Troy is a different type of officer...he is the Police Department's Station Dog.

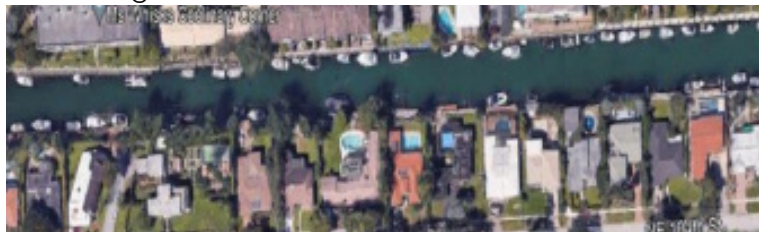
Officer Troy is recognized as a therapy dog through the American Kennel Club and comes to us via K9s for Warriors. We are proud to partner with this organization to provide emotional support to our law enforcement officers, dispatchers, victims, and others who may have been exposed to a traumatic event.



Be on the lookout for Village events as we look forward to introducing you to Officer Troy in the coming months. Welcome, Officer Troy!

104th Street Project

Miami Shores Village recently introduced a resolution to improve and elevate parts of NE 104th Street. A Vulnerability Study was conducted in June 2018. The study identified the NE 104th Street corridor as a high-need area requiring flood mitigation. In November 2021, the Village was awarded a matching grant by the Florida House of Representatives, Appropriations Project Request – Fiscal Year 2022-23 House Bill #9139 in the amount of \$1,310,000. This grant was assigned to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) which requires the execution of an agreement between the Village and the FDOT.



Aerial view: NE 104th Street between 12th Avenue and 16th Avenue

With flooding from heavy rainfall inundating the low-lying areas on NE 104th Street and overwhelming the storm water system, elevating NE 104th Street can help minimize standing water depth. Also, by adding curbs and gutters, flood resilience can be enhanced, and property values protected. With the completion of the roadway improvements of this project, residents will no longer be impacted by standing water on their properties and in streets nor intrusion to their dwellings.

Introducing TRIKKE

MSPD is excited to announce that we have joined a growing number of law enforcement agencies across the nation in adding the TRIKKE to our fleet of vehicles. The stealth, emission-free vehicle can be used indoors, outdoors, off-road, and in all types of weather. The TRIKKE empowers officers to maximize their approachability, visibility, and responsiveness. They're an excellent tool to assist our agency in navigating large crowds during community events and closer interaction with the community. As gas prices continue to soar, the TRIKKE has the added benefit of filling the need for green initiative options to help law enforcement save on fuel costs and energy emissions.



Comprehensive Plan EAR Update, Next Steps

The Evaluation and Appraisal Review (EAR) process is the evaluation of the **Village Comprehensive Plan** in its entirety to ensure consistency with State Law. This is an opportunity to align the Village's current and future priorities through a series of goals, objective and policies supported by adequate data and analysis.

The entire comprehensive plan includes a number of chapters called elements. As you might know, the Village already addressed two of its required elements, the Future Land Use (and associated map) and the Property Rights Elements, which are currently under review by the Department of Economic Opportunities (DEO) and external agencies. Plans are underway to begin updating the nine (9) remaining elements listed below:

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ELEMENT
TRANSPORTATION
HOUSING
INFRASTRUCTURE
COASTAL MANAGEMENT
CONSERVATION
RECREATION
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
EDUCATION
PROPERTY RIGHTS (Completed)

How is this evaluation process done?

Staff will review the current Comprehensive Plan Goals, Objectives, and Policies (GOPs) in each element. Below is an excerpt from the existing comprehensive plan that serves as an example of a policy statement from the Capital Improvement Element:

“Objective 1: Coordinate Capital Improvements with current and future needs. In general, use the Capital Improvement Element as a means to identify capital facilities necessary to correct existing deficiencies, accommodate desired future growth and replace obsolete or worn-out facilities. In particular, the Village council will use this Element as the framework to monitor public facility needs as a basis for annual capital budget and five-year program preparation.”

During the process, staff will engage the residents, businesses, property owners, Village staff and consultants to evaluate the current GOPs and explore new policies that further enhance the quality of life in the village.

You can review the remaining elements of the Comprehensive Plan by visiting our website <https://www.msvfl.gov/comprehensive-plan-2025-project-update> . Stay tuned for information on future meetings and events regarding the EAR process.

January Village Council Actions

- Approved an agreement with the State of Florida Department of Transportation (“FDOT”), providing for reimbursement to the Village of an amount not to exceed \$655,000 for roadway improvements to reduce flooding and water intrusion on NE 104th street and authorizing Village officials to execute the agreement.
- Approved an agreement with the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection (“DEP”), providing for reimbursement to the Village of an amount not to exceed \$320,000 for the design and construction of a drainage system to reduce flooding and water intrusion on NE 104th street and authorizing the Village Manager to execute the agreement.
- Approved the award of invitation to bid no. 2022-10-01 Miami Shores Police Department impact windows and doors and authorizing the Village Manager or designee to execute an agreement with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, TechGroupOne, Inc., in an estimated amount of \$192,904.50.
- Approved the expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$2,200 from the Law Enforcement Trust Funds (LETF) to attend agracie survival tactics instructor defense tactic training by the Chesapeake Virginia Police Department.
- Authorized the Village Manager or designee to issue a purchase order to Dell Marketing, LLP for the purchase of various desktops and monitors, utilizing WSCA-NASPO contract #43211500-WSCA-15-ACS, for an amount not to exceed \$44,384.
- Approved a resolution, authorizing the execution of continuing professional services agreements with the top-ranked firms for related services in the respective nine (9) disciplines established in Request for Qualifications No. 22-06-01 “Architectural & Engineering Services Through Continuing Contracts;” and providing authorization for execution, renewal, and engagement of the qualified firms for budgeted construction, study, and consulting projects within the statutory limits established in section 287.055, Florida Statutes.

- Approved a resolution, authorizing the Village Manager or designee to execute an agreement with Chen Moore and Associates, Inc., pursuant to Request For Qualifications No. 2022-04-01 “Engineering and Architectural Design Services” for Miami Shores Village estimated amount of \$376,670.
- Approved a resolution, adopting the program for Public Information (“PPI”) Document, and flood insurance coverage improvement plan and authorizing Village officials to execute and implement the necessary documents and program plans.
- Adopted an ordinance, amending the Village Comprehensive Plan by adding a property rights element, pursuant to section 163.3177(6), Florida Statutes (2023).
- Directed the Village Manager to establish a Village-wide communication plan.
- Appointed and installed Mr. Timothy Crutchfield to fill the seat vacated by Councilmember Katia Saint Fleur until April 11, 2023.
- Appointed and installed Mr. Wesley Castellanos to fill the seat vacated by Councilmember Crystal Wagar until April 11, 2023.
- Scheduled a Village Council Workshop to discuss the proposed amendments to the Village Charter on Wednesday, February 1, 2023 at the 9900 NE 2nd Avenue, beginning at 6PM.

Vote-by-Mail New Requirements

According to SB 90 (passed in 2021), ALL vote-by-mail requests expired on 12-31-2022. Renew your request in less than 5 minutes at the link below! This will ensure you receive your vote-by-mail ballot for every election now through the November 2024 Presidential Election.

You can also make a request on behalf of someone else if you are an immediate family member or legal guardian of the voter. You will need their contact info and last 4 digits of the voter’s Social Security number or Florida Driver’s License number.

Vote-by-Mail Sign-Up Here:

<https://miamidade.electionsfl.org/vrservices/mbrs#>

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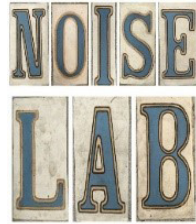
February Events - Library

VALENTINE'S SING ALONG

February 7, 2023 | 4:00pm – 4:45pm
For kids, ages 0-4

Registration required, space is limited!

Come join us at the Library to kick off February with a musical Valentine's Sing Along celebration! Leslie Hart will perform a fun interactive music class for preschoolers ages 0 - 4. Presented by Noise Lab!



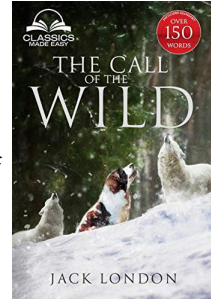
Please contact: Ms. Holsing at (305) 758-8107 or email holsingb@msvfl.gov if you would like to register.

VILLAGE KIDS BOOK CLUB

February 16, 2023 | 4:00pm – 5:00pm
For kids, ages 7-11

Registration required, space is limited!

Come join us at the Library for this triumphant tale of survival following the adventures of Buck, half-St. Bernard and half-Scottish sheepdog, who is forced into the brutal life of a sled-dog during the heady days of the Alaska gold rush. The Call of the Wild, considered by many to be Jack London's greatest novel, is a gripping survival story of a heroic dog that, thrust into the brutal life of the Alaska Gold Rush, ultimately faces a choice between living in man's world and returning to nature.



Please contact: Ms. Holsing at (305) 758-8107 or email holsingb@msvfl.gov if you would like to register.

FROST MUSEUM of SCIENCE

February 9, 2023 | 4:00pm – 5:00pm
For kids, grades K-5

Registration required, space is limited!

FROST Museum of Science is on the move! Please join us at the Library on the second Thursday of each month for hands-on STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) – focused learning. Whether it's exploring space, changing the color of fire, finding fossils or taking an engineering challenge, each experience inspires the audience to investigate our world through the power of science. Sign up for Geology Rocks, this month!



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SATURDAY STORYTIME

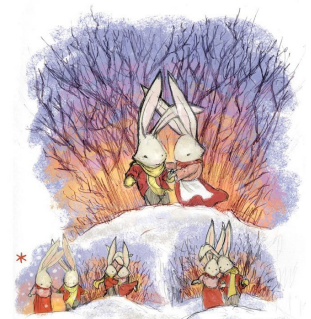
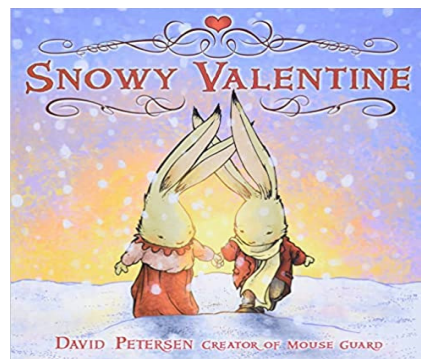
February 18, 2023 | 10:30am - 11:15am
For kids, ages 3 and up

Registration required, space is limited

"Snowy Valentine" by David Petersen

Step out into a snowy Valentine's Day with Jasper the bunny as he searches the forest valley for a special gift for his loved one.

In his picture-book debut, David Petersen, the Eisner Award-winning creator of Mouse Guard, tells a delightful tale that becomes the perfect way to say "I love you."



Join us at the Library for an awesome art project afterwards!

Please contact: Ms. Holsing at (305) 758-8107 or email holsingb@msvfl.gov if you would like to register.

February Events - Parks and Rec

Ready, Steady, Grow!

For kids, ages 2-4

Tuesdays & Thursdays | 9:00am-11:00am
R:\$352 | NR:\$458

Preschoolers will explore the world around them and interact with peers through movement and play. This class is designed to enhance development using a variety of dancing, movement and sports games. Children will learn critical thinking, explore creative expression, develop cooperation skills and socialize in a group setting. Games played will stimulate eye-hand coordination and improve core strength and flexibility, as well as develop large motor skills such as kicking, throwing and balance. Don't miss out on the fun and join us as we "Play with Purpose."



For more information, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (305) 758-8103.

Teen & Tween - Fitness Classes

For kids, ages 12-18

Mondays & Wednesdays | 5:00pm-6:00pm

This program is age-specific. It focuses on teaching correct and safe movement patterns, especially focused on the Primal Movement Patterns (Squat, Bend, Lunge, Push, Pull, Twist, and Gait) in a small group, fun, pressure-free environment. We pay attention not only to the kids' physical development, but to their mental and emotional development as well. Kids will learn the basics of eating whole foods, as well as will have the opportunity to interact with one another in a supportive environment.



Please contact: Aaron Fruitstone at (786) 493-4095 if you would like to register and for fee information.

Florida Driver's License / ID Card Renewal and Replacement Program

February 21, 2023 | 9:30am-1:30pm

The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles mini-FLOW (Florida Licensing on Wheels) will be coming to the Miami Shores Community Center on February 21 from 9:30am-1:30pm. Take advantage of the mini-FLOW program's team of Driver License Examiners at the Miami Shores Community Center.



To reserve your spot, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (305) 758-8103.

Active Miami Shores Residents

For seniors, ages 55 and over

Thursdays & Saturdays | 10:30am -11:30am

You're invited to join our classes on Saturday mornings from 10:30am-11:30am January 7 - February 25. *Free of charge* (made possible by a grant awarded from the Miami Shores Community Alliance). This program has many health benefits for all ages. Come and join us for an hour of stretches, dance and light cardio set to beautiful and sensual music.



For more information, please contact the Kismet Dancers at (305)-754-0258

Yoga - Mind & Body

Active Adults | Every Tuesday

R:\$60 | NR:\$75 8:45am-9:45am

Join us for yoga classes focused in alignment helping to achieve balance between body, mind and breath. A regular Iyengar Yoga practice can help you to: improve physical and psychological health, increase flexibility, boost energy levels, decrease stress and much more.

For more information please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (305) 758-8103.

FEBRUARY 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Council Workshop 6:00pm (9900 N.E. 2nd Ave.)	2	3	4 Celebrating Black History at BML - Tour and Brunch 10:30am (BML)
5 Shores Sunday Market 10AM-4PM (9301 N.E. 2ND AVE)	6	7 Valentine's (BML) Sing Along! 4pm Council Meeting 6:30pm (9900 N.E. 2nd Ave.)	8	9 Frost Museum of Science! Geology Rocks! 4PM (BML)	10 Outdoor Movie Night: Blended 6:45pm (CC)	11 Celebrating Black History at BML - Florida's Underground Railroad 10:30am (BML)
12 Shores Sunday Market 10AM-4PM (9301 N.E. 2ND AVE)	13	14 Moca at the Library 3:30pm (BML)	15	16 Village Kids Book Club! 4PM (BML)	17	18 SATURDAY STORYTIME! "Snowy Valentine" by David Petersen 10:30am (BML)
19 Shores Sunday Market 10AM-4PM (9301 N.E. 2ND AVE)	20 Presidents' Day Holiday Village Offices Closed	21 Council Meeting 6:30pm (9900 N.E. 2nd Ave.)	22	23 Planning & Zoning Meeting (9900 N.E. 2nd Ave.) 6:30pm	24 Mardi Gras Concert 7pm-9pm 9825 Park Drive	25 Celebrating Black History at BML - The Past, The Present and Future of Our Community 10:30am (BML)
26 Shores Sunday Market 10AM-4PM (9301 N.E. 2ND AVE)	27	28				

Community Center - 9617 Park Drive - Phone:305-758-8103

BML: Brockway Memorial Library - 10021 NE 2nd Ave - Phone:305-758-8107



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Genealogy & Family History
A PRACTICAL COURSE TO ESTABLISH YOUR FAMILY TREE

This 4-week beginner's class for genealogy and family history is designed to allow the student an opportunity to create a family tree and to search for genealogical records. This is an interactive course providing education opportunities to practice between sessions.

Students will learn where to find information, how to document their findings, and the reliability of various records.

Saturdays
4 Weeks
March 4, 11, 18, & 25
10:30 am - 12:00 pm
\$50

Location
Brockway Memorial Library
3000 NE 2nd Ave.
Miami Shores, FL 33138

Registration
Call:
305-919-5900
Email:
oll@fiu.edu
Web:
<https://oll.fiu.edu>

Presented by: Other Learning Institute at Florida International University

MARTINA MATHISEN AS THE SIX WIVES OF HENRY VIII

THURSDAY, MARCH 2ND
6:30 - 7:30 PM
PLEASE REGISTER AT:
<https://sixwives.eventbrite.com>
FREE TO ATTEND

Miami Shores Fine Arts Commission Presents

Mardi Gras Concert
FRIDAY February 24, 2023
Concert: 7-9pm
Athletic Fields
9825 Park Drive

Featuring **HÉLI**
a multi-faceted artist

Brazilian Dancers | Mardi Gras Beads
Food Vendors | Face Painting Mardi Gras Masks

Event Sponsors:
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CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH
DISCOVER THE CULTURAL HISTORY AMONG US:
A CLOSER LOOK AT WHERE WE LIVE

SATURDAYS 10-30 AM
Brockway Memorial Library
10021 NE 2nd Ave.
Miami Shores, FL 33138

FEB 4 TOUR & BRUNCH

FEB 11 FLORIDA'S UNDERGROUND RAILROAD

FEB 18 THE CRUCIFIXION OF COLORED TOWN

FEB 25 THE PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE OF OUR COMMUNITY

ADVANCED REGISTRATION REQUIRED.
CALL: 305-919-5900

VILLAGE OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON
MONDAY, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH, IN
HONOR OF PRESIDENTS' DAY

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.