

# MIAMI SHORES VILLAGE

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## COMP PLAN PASSES ON SECOND READING

On September 11, 2023 Village Council approved the adoption of the ordinance updating the Future Land Use Element and Future Land Use Map of the Village Comprehensive Plan by a vote of 3-2. This update is fixing most of the issues discovered during early 2022 by bringing the majority of the existing densities to conformity, especially in the Single-Family home areas. In addition, a new land use designation was created to provide appropriate density to the area commonly known as “West of Barry”. The adopted comp plan has been transmitted to the State Department of Florida Commerce (Formerly known as Department of Economic Opportunities).

Once the Department of Florida Commerce and external agencies, such as Miami-Dade County, South Florida Regional Planning Council, and others review the adopted ordinance and the challenge period is over, the Village will have an “In Compliance” Comprehensive Plan. The next steps are to commence the updates of the Zoning Code as well as updating the remaining Comprehensive Plan elements. A crucial pending update to the Comprehensive Plan is to include a new element developed by the Sustainability and Resiliency Committee dealing with climate change adaptation and mitigation efforts. Stay tuned to upcoming meetings and events as we continue working for our future!



## VILLAGE CRS RATING NOW A “5”

In the Spring of 2023, the Village launched the Sustainable Miami Shores initiative, a blueprint of the Village’s approach to implementing the sustainability and resilience goals outlined in the Strategic Management Plan. The Sustainable Miami Shores initiative systemically incorporates sustainable principles within the Village’s policies, programs, and projects in order to both preserve and enhance the quality of life for current and future residents. As such, the administration has made major strides in improving the Flood Mitigation Program.

The Village has since elevated its flood strategies and employed best practices from local and federal partners. The overarching goal is to improve the Community Rating System (CRS), which historically has been a CRS score of 8 (allowing a 10% discount on resident flood insurance). After increasing the number of certified flood managers on staff, assigning flood mitigation to the Neighborhood Services Department, and retaining a consultant to assess the Village’s Flood mitigation strategies, the Village resubmitted its application to FEMA and recently received a reduced CRS score of 5.

Effective April 1, 2024, this new rating will allow for a 25% discount on the resident flood insurance. The Village will continue to employ best practices and provide greater flood education to the public, in order to further improve the CRS flood rating overtime.



FEMA





## SUSTAINABLE MIAMI SHORES CORNER

October 4, 2023, is Energy Efficiency Day! The Village completed its first Greenhouse Gas (GHG) inventory in 2023. From the sectors evaluated, in 2019, Miami Shores Village approximately emitted approximately 74,000 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>e. To give you perspective, one metric ton of CO<sub>2</sub> is approximately the size of a hot air balloon, that means that we filled up at least 200 hot air balloons with CO<sub>2</sub> each day in 2019!

The largest contributor is Transportation and Mobile Sources which accounts for 42% of emissions. The next largest contributors are Residential Energy with 29% and Commercial Energy with 17%. Therefore staff will continue to work with the sustainable committee to develop a climate action plan to help reduce our carbon emissions.

Check some tips to save energy at [energyefficiencyday.org](http://energyefficiencyday.org)



Commissioner Keon Hardemon is the Miami-Dade County representative for Miami Shores in District 3. Commissioner Hardemon is committed to working with and helping our Village and has awarded a total of \$48,000 to four local small businesses.

Congratulations to the grant recipients. With many thanks to Commissioner Hardemon for his continued support of *The Village Beautiful*.



## JACKIE VILLAGRAN

Assistant Parks & Rec Director

## LEADERSHIP EXCELLENCE

We are thrilled to celebrate the exceptional achievement of our Parks and Recreation Assistant Director Jackie Villagran who has successfully completed The Abrahams-Jones Academy for Leadership Excellence through the Florida Recreation and Park Association. The Abrahams-Jones Academy for Leadership Excellence is an opportunity for participants to develop and create personal leadership advancement through a year-long experience. The program is designed for professionals who are able to meet prerequisites, and, once they transfer theory to practice in preparation for an executive level leadership role on the parks and recreation team. It is with great pride and enthusiasm that we extend our warmest congratulations to Mrs. Villagran.

## 5K IN MIAMI SHORES



**Former Miami Hurricanes Star Robert Bailey** leads the Charge for Children's Mental Health at Inaugural Kennedy Kids Foundation 5K in Miami Shores with over 539 Registrations!

"We try to help them prevent suicidal thoughts and this is the only way to do it. Create action, create programs and build a community that is willing to talk about it" said Robert Bailey.

**For Help, Call or Text 988**



# SHORES EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> Optimist Park Sunday Farmers Market 10:00 am - 3:00 pm	<b>2</b> Community Center Recreation Advisory Meeting 7:00pm	<b>3</b> Library Oktoberfest with Olli 10:30 am  9900 Building Council Meeting 6:30pm	<b>4</b> Miami Shores Field House National Bike, Walk or Roll to School Day 7:20 am Brockway Memorial Library LIVE Puppet Theatre! 4:00pm	<b>5</b> Library Read with Major TROY! 3:30 pm  Village Hall Code Enforcement Board 6:00 pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Library 6th Annual Artisan Fair 10 am - 2 pm
<b>8</b> Optimist Park Hispanic Heritage Month Sunday Market 10:00 am - 3:00 pm	<b>9</b>  Village Offices Closed	<b>10</b> Village Hall Traffic Advisory Board 6:00pm  Brockway Library Raquel V. Reyes Reading & Book Talk 6:30pm  Community Center Fine Arts Commission Meeting 6:30pm	<b>11</b> Library New Adult Book Club: The Brigadiers Club 11:00am	<b>12</b> Library FROST MUSEUM of SCIENCE! 4:00pm  Community Center Wreath Workshop 10:00am	<b>13</b> Community Center Wreath Workshop 6:00pm <u>Aquatic Center</u> Tween and Teen Night Out 6:30pm	<b>14</b> Library Art + Play + Restorative Sound Bath 11:30am
<b>15</b> Optimist Park Sunday Farmers Market 10:00 am - 3:00 pm	<b>16</b> Village Hall Sustainability and Resiliency Committee 6:30pm	<b>17</b> Library Managing Healthcare Expenses in Retirement 10:30am  Transitioning to Medicare 6:00pm  9900 Building Council Meeting 6:30pm	<b>18</b> Village Hall Historic Preservation Board 6:30pm	<b>19</b> Library Village Kids Books Club 4:00pm	<b>20</b> Athletics Field Fine Arts Concert 7:00pm	<b>21</b> Library Saturday Story Time! 10:30am
<b>22</b> Optimist Park Sunday Farmers Market 10:00 am - 3:00 pm	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Library Oktoberfest with Olli 10:30am	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 9900 Building Planning and Zoning Board 6:30pm	<b>27</b> Field House Kids Day Off 8:30am - 5:30pm  <u>Community Center</u> Basketball Courts Shores Spooktacular 5:30 - 8:30pm	<b>28</b> Bayfront Park Full Moon Meditation 6:30pm  Library A Night of Harry Potter 6:00pm
<b>29</b> Optimist Park Sunday Farmers Market 10:00 am - 3:00 pm	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 				

## MSV PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT



**Wreath Workshop**

Learn how to create a stunning, one-of-a-kind Halloween-themed wreath. Participants will learn basic wreath making skills and the wreath will go home the same day!

Community Center | 9817 Park Drive

Thursday October 12 | 10:00am - 12:15pm  
OR  
Friday October 13 | 6:00pm - 8:15pm

**\$19.00 Per Wreath**

ALL MATERIALS INCLUDED  
If you have something special to include, be sure to bring it with you.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED  
Contact the Parks and Recreation Department for more information: 305-758-8103



**Tween & Teen NIGHT OUT**

30.00 Per Teen (Ages 11+)

FRIDAY | OCT 13 | 6:30PM - 9:30PM

ENJOY A NIGHT OF SWIMMING, WATER OBSTACLE COURSE, MUSIC, FRIENDS AND FOOD! PIZZA & SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED.

Parks & Recreation | 305-758-8103  
Recreation Division | 8880 SW 20th St  
Aquatic Center | 10500 Biscayne Blvd



Miami Shores Fine Arts Commission Presents

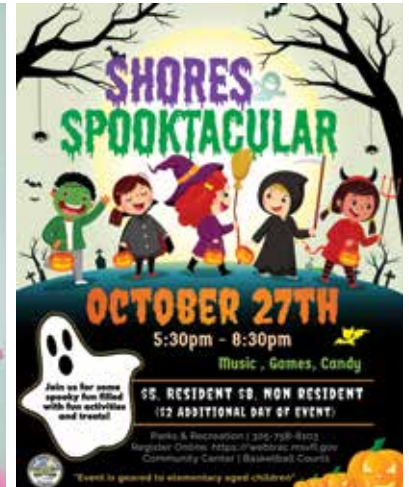
**OCTOBER 20th**  
7:00PM - 9:00PM  
CONCERT

**LOS PASAJAL**

South Florida's Favorite Dominican Rhythm & Soul

ATHLETIC FIELDS | 9825 PARK DRIVE

MEANS SHORES FINE ARTS COMMISSION



**SHORES SPOOKTACULAR**

**OCTOBER 27th**  
5:30pm - 8:30pm

Music, Games, Candy

55. RESIDENT 50. NON RESIDENT  
(12 ADDITIONAL DAY OF EVENT)

Parks & Recreation | 305-758-8103  
Recreation Division | 8880 SW 20th St  
Community Center | Basketball Courts

# LIBRARY NEWS AND EVENTS



## MIAMI HERALD PULITZER PRIZE-WINNING SERIES

On Tuesday evening, September 12th, Brockway Memorial Library hosted a prize-winning series featuring Miami Herald journalists Amy Driscoll & Nancy Ancrum, for the Pulitzer-winning series "Broken Promises." This series focused on several civic projects promised by local politicians and developers (many of which were taxpayer-funded) and their failure to follow through with those promises.

The presentation was in a conversational style and included comments and questions with members of the audience, proving to be an eye-opening and informative discussion.

Lite bites from Pura Vida in Miami Shores and drinks were generously sponsored by Christine & David Gay.

This was part 4 in what has been a hugely successful series highlighting the work of our local prize-winning Herald journalists. Stay tuned for more to come. Visit our website for future events at [www.msvfl.gov](http://www.msvfl.gov).

## BROCKWAY MEMORIAL LIBRARY Youth Services



**LIVE Puppet Theatre!**  
**"THE LITTLE GREEN WITCH"**  
WEDNESDAY, October 4, 2023  
4:00 pm - 4:45 pm  
For all ages  
Registration required



**READ WITH MAJOR TROY,  
MSPD'S STATION DOG!**  
THURSDAY, October 5, 2023  
3:30 pm - 5:00 pm  
For kids, ages 4 - 8  
Registration required.



**FROST MUSEUM of  
SCIENCE!**  
THURSDAY, October 12, 2023  
4:00 pm - 4:45 pm  
For kids, grades K-5  
Registration required



**TEEN WORKSHOP:  
DIY Harry Potter Wands!**  
TUESDAY, October 17, 2023  
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm  
For tweens & teens 11+  
Registration required



**VILLAGE KIDS BOOK CLUB!**  
THURSDAY, October 19, 2023  
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
For kids, ages 7-11 with a snack  
Registration required



**SATURDAY STORYTIME!**  
October 21, 2023  
10:30 am - 11:15 am  
For kids, ages 3 and up  
Registration required

# HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH



**Todos Somos, Somos Uno: We Are All, We Are One**  
 Join us Tuesday evening, October 10th at 6:30pm as we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with local author and longtime Shores resident, Raquel V. Reyes.

*Free to attend. Must Register.*  
[hmmauthorevent.eventbrite.com](http://hmmauthorevent.eventbrite.com)

**WEDNESDAY | OCTOBER 4**

## WALK & ROLL TO SCHOOL DAY

STUDENTS WISHING TO BIKE, WALK OR ROLL TO SCHOOL WITH A POLICE ESCORT CAN MEET AT THE MIAMI SHORES FIELD HOUSE 9725 PARK DRIVE AT 7:20 A.M.

THE ESCORT WILL LEAVE PROMPTLY AT 7:30 AM. ALL CYCLING YOUTHS MUST WEAR A BIKE HELMET.

**PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS ARE:**

Doctors Charter

St. Rose of Lima

Miami Shores Elementary

## BROCKWAY LIBRARY 6th ANNUAL ARTISAN FAIR

**FREE ENTRY!**  
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7TH**  
**10AM-2PM**  
**10021 NE 2ND AVE**

**MORE THAN 25 LOCAL ARTISANS!**  
 VINTAGE! HANDMADE CRAFTS, HOMEMADE GOODS! RAIN OR SHINE!

LIVE FOLK MUSIC | ARTS & CRAFTS | SWEET TREATS | KITTENS UP FOR ADOPTION

**YOGA SESSION**  
 WITH LOCAL INSTRUCTOR, MARIANA SCOTTI ON LIBRARY LAWN 11AM-12PM

# PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS

## COMPLETED PROJECTS

### Police Department New Impact Windows

Project was funded by Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program.

### Sidewalk Replacement Throughout Village

Approximately 2250 LF of sidewalk have been replaced as of September 2023

### Village Hall Historical Marker

Sponsored by the Florida Historical Marker Program allows us to tell the story of our Village.

### Aquatic Center New Floor

New water resistance and anti-slip surface installed

## PROJECTS IN PROGRESS

### Sidewalk Replacement Continues Throughout Village

### Speed Hump Installations Continue

Speed humps are being replaced as per the Miami Shores Village-Wide Traffic Calming Study.

### NE 96th Street Roadway Improvements

Phase two of the project from NE 6th Avenue to NE 10th Avenue to include mill and re-surfacing, curb and gutter replacement. Partially Funded by Miami-Dade County.

### Ed Abdella Field House Roof Replacement

Contract awarded.

### Bayfront Park Sea Wall

Currently in the Design Phase.

### Chain-link Fence Baseball Field

Approximately 400 LF of black chain-link fencing.

### Village Hall Interior Building Renovation

Interior office renovations to include out dated restroom renovation.

### Brockway Memorial Library

Installation of new ADA ramp on South side of the library.

## UPCOMING PROJECTS

**FM# 447983 Sidewalk Curb Ramp Improvements (Design)**  
ADA Ramp Improvement Project. The 36 new curb ramps will improve pedestrian connectivity throughout the Village. This project is funded through a 50/50 matching Florida Department of Transportation (Local Agency Program) Grant

### FM# 440843 Multimodal Improvements (Construction and CEI)

High emphasis intersections including stamped asphalt design on North Miami Avenue at the four locations where neighborhood greenways cross. NE 2nd Avenue, NW/NE 93rd Street, NW/NE 96th Street, NW/NE 101st Street, NW/NE 109th Street. This project is funded through a 50/50 matching Florida Department of Transportation (Local Agency Program) Grant

### FM# 446054 NE 6th Avenue (SR 915) Pedestrian Promenade

Between NE 96th Street and NE 107th Street. This project is to expand the existing sidewalk to a wide multi-purpose path facility. The proposed project provides enhanced safety and mobility for pedestrians and bicyclists along the corridor. This project is funded through a 50/50 matching Florida Department of Transportation (Local Agency Program) Grant

### FM #440790 Flagler Trail Greenway (Design)

This project will include asphalt multi-purpose pavement on the west side of Club Drive on the North side of NE 96th Street. This project is funded through a 50/50 matching Florida Department of Transportation (Local Agency Program) Grant

### NE 104th Street Roadway Improvements (Design)

Drainage and Roadway Improvements Project from 12th Avenue and approximately NE 16th Avenue. . This project is funded through a 50/50 matching Florida Department of Transportation Grant

### Septic to Sewer Master Plan (A&E List) Design

A Request for Qualifications has been issued for professional services from qualified firm with experience in Septic to Sewer Master Plan.

### Stormwater Master Plan (A&E List) Design

A Request for Qualifications is being drafted for professional services from qualified firm with experience in Stormwater Master Plans.

### NW 95th Buffer Wall Project

Bids were received from vendors to replace approximately 1150 Lin.Ft. of existing wall along NW 95th Street and South to NW 3rd Avenue. Recommendation will be made to Council on October 3, 2023



## COUNCIL ACTION

Adopted the tentative millage rate of 7.8 mills for fiscal year 2023/2024; the calculated “rolled-back” rate is 6.8232 mills, or 14.32% higher than the “rolled-back” rate for fiscal year 2023/2024, establishing the debt service millage rate at 0.1601 mills.

Adopted the tentative operating and capital outlay budget for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024, pursuant to section 200.065, Florida Statutes, authorizing expenditures consistent therewith and authorizing certain budget amendments within a department provided that the total of the appropriations is not changed.

Adopted an ordinance, amending the Village Comprehensive Plan future land use element and future land use map (FLUM) for properties located in Miami Shores Village.

Approved a resolution, authorizing the Village Manager to apply for and accept a beautification grant, and enter into a memorandum of agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation.

### New Board Appointments

#### **Sustainability & Resiliency Committee:**

Patricia Casey, Silvia Kang, Lauren Rangel, and Carol Respondek

#### **Ad Hoc Communications Committee:**

Pilar Rodriguez, Nicole Hedmark, Belkis Varona, Amy Lerma, and Peter Pietrzkiwicz

#### **Country Club Advisory Board:**

Scott Maroon, Charles Mennes, E. Thomas Septembre, and Samuel Soriero

#### **Education Advisory Board:**

Dana Vignale, Mallory Lehroff, and Renee O'Connor

#### **Fine Arts Commission:**

Kristen Adsit, Victor Bruce, Clarissa Rodriguez, and Tara Strickstein

#### **Recreation Advisory Committee:**

Sheryl Piper, Jennifer Baumann, Silvia Clark, Sharon Thompson, and Judson LaCapra

#### **Planning and Zoning Board:**

Daniel Brady and Connie Nappier III

#### **Historic Preservation Board:**

Patrizia Bonaduce, Michelle Headley, and Daniel Serrano

#### **Code Enforcement Board:**

Ryan Russell and Jeff Hawn

### **Guidelines in Miami-Dade County Adhering to County Code**

When you drive down residential streets in Miami Shores Village, it doesn't take long to realize the scenery that surrounds you with the majestic trees lining the streets. These trees provide spectacular color, habitat and lots of shade in some areas. We tend to forget about the benefits trees provide and how important they really are. Miami-Dade County places a high value on its natural environment and green spaces. Trees play a vital role in maintaining the County and Village's aesthetic appeal, environmental balance, and overall quality of life. The Department of Environmental Resources Management (DERM) lists a few tree benefits like a well shaded home which will help cut energy costs; trees remove carbon dioxide from the air each year; and trees can increase your property value.

Did you know that all trees in Miami-Dade County, which includes Miami Shores, are guarded by specific established regulations not only to protect trees and their ecosystems, but to promote responsible development? Tree removal is a significant decision that homeowners and property owners may face for various reasons, including safety concerns, landscape changes or construction projects. However, in Miami-Dade County, it is crucial to understand and adhere to the local county code governing tree removal to ensure responsible and legal tree management. Section 24-49 of the Miami-Dade County Code protects our trees and promotes canopy replacement by requiring tree removal permits and tree trimming guidelines. This is administered through DERM's Urban Tree Program, Code Enforcement Section.

There are a number of definitions and exceptions to the permit requirements. You can access this information and permit request forms on their web site. If a permit is required, you can download DERM's Tree Removal Permit Application Package or call them at (305) 372-6574. You may also reach out to staff arborist, Mike Skofstad at 305-795-2210. *Please do your part to protect our canopy and avoid possible penalties.*



# Miami Shores Village

10050 NE 2nd Avenue  
Miami Shores, FL 33138



## Village Council:

Mayor: George Burch  
Vice Mayor: Jesse Valinsky  
Council Members:  
Jerome Charles  
Sandra Harris  
Daniel Marinberg

## Charter Officers:

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

## Administration:

Deputy Village Manager: Tanya Wilson

## Village Departments:

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

## Contact Information:

Have questions or need assistance?  
Feel free to reach out to us:  
Phone: 305-795-2207 | Fax: 305-756-8972

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## BUSINESS BUZZ CORNER

Welcome to our Business Buzz Corner where we provide information to support our local businesses.

We have created a one stop shop for business related info. Visit our website [www.msvfl.gov](http://www.msvfl.gov) and check out our toolkit that provides important resources, from business grants, technical assistance, demographic data and steps to obtain a business tax receipt.

We welcome two new businesses this month  
**Biscayne Park School at Miami Shores**  
**MDO Healthcare Management**

