

# Miami Shores Village



## Miami Shores Village Receives 2022 Florida Citizenship Award from Florida League of Cities

The Florida Citizenship Award was awarded to Miami Shores Village in recognition of the Brockway Memorial Library's outstanding efforts in educating and inspiring its community about local history.

This award recognizes a city project or program that increases civic awareness and education and promotes active participation in local government among residents.

This year's award was presented to Miami Shores Village for "Brockway Library: A Conduit for Historical Preservation."

Brockway Memorial Library has been a major civic institution in the community since its opening in 1949. In 2002, the library acquired the Village's historical holdings, which inspired many of the current collaborations and programs between the library, local historians, Village leadership and staff.

As a result of these efforts, Brockway Memorial Library now has a robust historic preservation program that provides a rich offering of resources including a digitized archive, ongoing lectures, storytelling programs, tours, and exhibits. All efforts are made in service to the library's comprehensive goals: to raise awareness, promote historical preservation and encourage civic engagement among Village residents of all ages.

"Florida's local governments are constantly finding new and innovative ways to better serve their communities," said FLC President Phillip Walker, Commissioner for the City of Lakeland. "This year's award winners are shining examples of that.

behalf of the League, we applaud these municipalities for their outstanding efforts and congratulate well-deserved them this on recognition."



From left - Councilmember Crystal Wagar, Vice Mayor Daniel Marinberg, Mayor Sandra Harris, Library Director Michelle Brown, Ambassador to the Florida League of Cities Eryn Russell, Councilmember Katia Saint Fleur, and Councilmember Alice Burch accepting the FLC award for Miami Shores Village.

In accepting the award, Mayor Sandra Harris expressed her appreciation for the efforts and wide array of programs that add to the quality of life afforded to our residents.

#### **MSPD Supports Young Entrepreneurs**

Miami Shores Village Police Department officers showed their support to some local young entrepreneurs who were offering a refreshing and sweet treat to the community at their lemonade stand. MSPD continues commitment to the community by building positive relationships and trust while Fostering CommUNITY.



Sgt. Vargas, Ofc. Kubicek, and Ofc. Ramos enjoy a refreshing treat with young Shores residents doing their part for the community.

#### **JULY HIGHLIGHTS**

#### **Independence Day Celebration**

Miami Shores Village residents and guests started their 4th of July celebrations with a splash at the Aquatic Center with a live Mermaid Show and BBQ.



During the evening the festivities continued with a bang featuring a spectacular fireworks show, which could be seen from both the Aquatic Center and the lawn of the Miami Shores Country Club driving range.



MSV residents and visitors enjoy the fireworks display at the Miami Shores Country Club driving range

#### **July Village Council Actions**

- Florida League of Cities presented Brockway Memorial Library with the 2022 Florida Citizenship Award.
- Approved a resolution, authorizing the Village Manager to execute The Florida Department of Transportation funded turf and landscape maintenance contract renewal.
- Adopted the Strategic Management Plan as amended.
- Directed the Village Manager to schedule a Downtown Business District Workshop for September 2022.

- Adopted an ordinance as amended, creating Chapter 24, "Art in Public Places" Article I, "Art in Public Places Program," and providing regulations for the Art in Public Places Program.
- Approved an ordinance on first reading, amending the Village Comprehensive Plan by adding a property rights element, pursuant to section 163.3177(6), F.S.
- Approved an ordinance on first reading, amending Chapter 6, "Buildings and Building Regulations," Section 6-7, "Same-Fees," to remove the building permit fees from the code of ordinances and provide that the building permit fee schedule shall be adopted by resolution.
- Approved a resolution, determining the proposed millage rate, and the date, time and place for the first and second public hearings as required by law.
- Approved a resolution, authorizing the Village Manager or designee to expend grant and United States Department of Justice Federal forfeiture funds for the purchase from Axon Enterprise, Inc. for body worn cameras, in car video cameras, and related equipment, in an amount not to exceed \$648,290.01.
- Recommended the Village Manager include discussions about lowering the tentative millage rate to 7.8 mills at the Budget Workshop.
- Directed the Village Manager to proceed with exploratory work and solicit letters of interest with respect to leasing, sub-leasing, or splitting the Miami Shores Public Works property for any of the approved uses for BU-2.

## July Comprehensive Plan 2025 Project update

On July 13, 2022, the Planning and Zoning Board held a special meeting recommending approval to the Village Council for the creation of a Property Rights Element into the Village Comprehensive Plan. In addition, the Board also recommended approval with amendments to the Council to amend both the Future Land Use Element and the Future Land Use Map.

For further information on the project or if you have any questions and would like to provide us with your feedback, please visit the projects section by scanning the QR code below.





Scan here for project updates!

### **AUGUST EVENTS**

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

August 17, 2022 | 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 August 17th 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, contact the Recreation Department at 305-758-8103.

#### Mystery at the Library Book Club

August 25, 2022 | 10:00 am Library membership required

Join us on the 3rd Thursday of the month as the bookclub meets to read some chilling stories. This month's selection features, Bree Baker's, "Pleading the Fish", Amanda Flower's, "Put Out To Pasture" and Tamara Berry's "Buried In A Good Book". Program membership is open to adults.



For more information, contact the library at 305-758-8107.

#### 2022 Pop Up Scholastic Book Fair

August 2, 2022 - August 6, 2022

Join us for the 2022 Brockway Memorial Library Pop-Up Scholastic Book Fair starting Tuesday, August 2nd through Saturday, August 6th for children in grades K-8.

For more information, contact the library at 305-758-8107.

#### **Book Fair Dates and Times**

Tuesday, August 2: 11am-7pm

Wednesday, August 3: 11am-5pm

Thursday, August 4: 11am-7pm

Friday, August 5: 11am-5pm

Saturday, August 6: 10am-2pm

## Travel and Recipe Club August 25, 2022 | 6:00 pm

Library membership / registration required

On the 4th Thursday of the month, this book club for adults enjoys selections set in far away fabulous locations as well as closer to home trails. Food and recipes are shared between members for a delectable time. Themes vary based on the month's reading selection. Don't miss out!



For more information, contact the library at 305-758-8107.

## Special Storytime with the Police Department August 24, 2022 | 3:30pm

Library membership/registration required

Stop in for a special storytime at the library featuring Officer Greene from our very own Miami Shores Village Police Department, as he reads books with a "Back to School" theme. For children ages 3+

For more information, contact the library at 305-758-8107.

### Yoga Class at Brockway Memorial Library

August 27, 2022 | 10:00am-12pm

Cost: \$38 /per person

Find your focus through the wonderful world of yoga, featuring meditation, poses, and breathing exercises to help you achieve more awareness on Saturday, August 27th from 10am-12pm at Brockway Memorial Library presented by Mariana Scotti Yoga.

For more information, contact the library at 305-758-8107.

#### FLOOD INFORMATION

#### Are you prepared for a flood in your neighborhood?

The Village is proud to let the community know that there has been a lot of progress within the Village's infrastructure to assist with flooding concerns. We are in the midst of a strong push forward to support and administrate a flood prevention and awareness campaign. These steps and initiatives will help with educating the public and fulfilling National Flood Insurance Program's requirements of supplying residents with flood insurance information, flood safety, and the importance of preserving our natural water ways.

#### STEPS TO PREPARE FOR A FLOOD

#### Step 1. Know your Flood Zone.

Regulated floodplains are illustrated on inundation maps called Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs). It is the official map for a community in which FEMA has delineated both the Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs) and the risk premium zones applicable to the community. SFHAs represent the areas subject to inundation by the 1-percent-annual chance flood event. Structures located in the SFHA have a 26-percent chance of flooding during the life of a standard 30-year mortgage. FEMA FIRM maps are available for free public viewing online at www. fema.gov/portal. You can also contact the Neighborhood Services Department (305) 795-4861 for help determining if your property is in a flood zone.

#### Step 2. Insure your property.

There is typically a 30-day waiting period after purchase before coverage takes effect. Because Miami Shores Village participates in FEMA's Community Rating System, you will receive a discount on your policy premium. Be sure to confirm with your agent that you received your discount! We are currently rated at a 7 in the Community Rating System. That gives residents a 15% discount on flood insurance. The Village is taking the steps to increase the savings to the residents, by improving our rating to 6. This would give the residents a discount of 20%. We will be working with outside agencies and a contractor to assist in this endeavor.

The following are a couple of steps that can be taken to ensure that you are up to date with your flood insurance:

 Review your insurance policy to ensure it provides adequate flood damage coverage.

- Place important documents inside sealed plastic bags or other waterproof containers.
- Keep photos or videos of your essential possessions in a safe place. If you experience flood damage, these documents will help you file an accurate flood insurance claim.

To find out more about flood insurance for your property and its contents, contact your insurance agent. You can go to the <u>Floodsmart.gov</u> website to find an agent or call 877-336-2627.

#### **Step 3. Protect yourself and your Family.**

We coordinate with the Miami-Dade County Division of Emergency Management and the National Weather Service in issuing public warnings concerning expected floods and storms. Local television and radio stations may announce weather advisories issued by the National Weather Service. These stations may also provide local weather information:

- Tune in to local AM radio stations WIOD-610 and WINZ-940 for broadcasts in English or WQBA-1140 and WAQI-710 for broadcasting Spanish. TV emergency broadcasts will be available on WTVJ-Ch 4, WCIX-Ch 6, WSVN- Ch 7, and WLTV-Ch 23 in Spanish.
- All hazard NOAA Weather radios (NWR) are available for purchase in local electronic retail or department stores and provide access to the NOAA Weather Radio Frequencies 162.550 and 162.450.

If a flood threatens you your home or family, please be aware of the following tips that will assist in keep you safe.

- Do not drive through floodwaters. Unseen obstructions or hazards may cause damage to you or your vehicle.
   Roads may not be distinguishable from canals. Turn around, don't drown!
- Downed power lines can be deadly. Keep your distance and treat all downed power lines as energized. Steer clear of standing water or debris that might hide a downed power line. Report downed power lines to FPL at 1-800-468-8243.
- Do not walk through a flooded area. The water may be contaminated with sewage from overflowing sewage lines.
- If you lose power at your property, turn off all major appliances.
- Avoid low-lying areas. Seek shelter in the highest areas possible.
- Have plan in place with you incase of flooding event.

#### **Step 4. Build Responsibly.**

- Clear drains, gutters, and downspouts, and secure loose outdoor items or take them inside.
- Check your building for water entry points, such as doors, low windows, and dryer vents. These can be protected with low walls, berms, or temporary shields.
- Consider retrofitting structures to make them floodproof. The property itself remains subject to flooding while the building on it is modified to prevent or minimize flooding of habitable space.
- Some flood protection measures may need a building permit, and others may not be safe for your type of building, so be sure to talk to the Village's Building Department at 305-795-2204 before making any changes on your property.
- Any applicable flood protection measures that need to be incorporated into your plans can be discussed with the Building Department. The Village offers scheduled meetings to discuss any concerns or technical assistance regarding flood mitigation efforts with your property.

 Remember that the "50% rule" may apply to your house. This rule means that if your house is in a flood zone and is damaged and/or improved to an amount greater than 50% of its building market value, the lowest floor will have to be raised to meet the current elevation requirement.

#### Step 5. Protect your property.

Various methods may be used to minimize flooding. If the first floor elevation of your property is lower than the base flood elevation (BFE) established by FEMA, consider elevating your structure. If you live in a flood zone, protect your property by sandbagging areas vulnerable to the entry of water. Valuables, furniture, and important appliances may also be moved to help lessen damage if a flood occurs. . Materials used to protect your property are important in reducing damage to your property and belongings. Choose materials such as tile flooring as opposed to wood, that are resistant to water damage. You can also redirect rain and flood waters through techniques like elevated driveway edges. If you lease your property or business, we recommend discussing your flood protection options with your landlord or property owner.

#### **Step 6. Protect Natural Flood Functions.**

Floodplains are a natural component of the Miami Shores environment. Understanding and protecting the natural functions of floodplains help reduce flood damage and protect resources. The following steps will help conserving our Natural Floodplain Functions.

- Open, unpaved areas are part of our storm water management system. These areas can collect and store storm water Runoff during rainfall events.
- When rainfall drains into the ground, it helps reduce flooding and recharges our drinking water supply. Unpaved land filters storm water runoff as it seeps through the ground and into our aquifer.

It is important to appreciate natural floodplains. Please help keep these areas open and clean!

#### **INFORMATION**

#### Flag Retirement Box

Miami Shores Village now has a Flag Retirement Collection Box! It is located in the lobby of the C. Lawton McCall Community Center. This patriotic box was created by Amalie Ise of Girl Scout Troop 1305, as her Gold Award Project with assistance from Larry Coleman, Jose Bermudez, and a generous contribution from the Rotary Club of Miami Shores.





Amalie Ise of Girl Scout Troop 1305 showcases a flag reitirement box at the C. Lawton McCall Community Center

Miami Shores Residents can now bring their damaged American flags to the Community Center to be properly retired. Ms. Ise and the Rotary Club of Miami Shores will make sure that the flags are properly retired. For more information on where to get a new flag and how to care for, display, and retire an American Flag, contact Ms. Ise at <a href="iseamalie23@gmail.com">iseamalie23@gmail.com</a>.

#### Red-Tailed Hawk spotted in Miami Shores Village

The Village enjoys its moniker of "The Village Beautiful," with its lush flora, majestic trees that adorn our thoroughfares, and beautifully maintained landscaping. Along with this reputation comes the preservation of the environment and the animals that have called this area home for decades.



Red-Tailed Hawk perched on a tree.

During the spring and summer months, not only do residents enjoy the weather, but so do many birds, including eagles, hawks, falcons, and other birds that call Miami Shores their home. These months represent their breeding and nesting seasons, and certain factors determine duration. A couple of examples include climate change and the damaging of natural habitats.

After a local resident spotted a hawk nest in their tree, we reached out to Florida Fish and Wildlife, and they forwarded the Village to one of their Biologists, Mr. Matt Giller, who described the positive significance of seeing so many hawks in the same area. He identified this species as a Red-Tailed Hawk and went on to explain that the presence of these birds (also referred to as raptors) in the wild serves as a barometer of ecological health. Birds of prey are predators at the top of the food chain; because threats like pesticides, habitat loss, and climate change have the most dramatic impact on these top predators, we refer to them as indicator species. They are so important that they are federally protected by law. During breeding season citizens cannot remove or tamper with nests.

Red-tailed hawks play a significant role in local ecosystems by helping to control the populations of small rodents. They also provide habitats for small bird species, such as house sparrows, which live in active red-tailed hawk nests.

For more information regarding Wildlife, please do not hesitate to contact Florida Fish and Wildlife by visiting their webpage or calling them at 561-625-5122 (South Regional Office).

#### **NE 96th Street Project Update**

All new curbs and gutter were finished on NE 96th Street between 4th Avenue and NE 6th Avenue on both sides of the street.

Milling and resurfacing started and should be completed



shortly. The contractor was hampered by mechanical failure and small rain showers. Once Phase one of the project is complete, we will continue on Phase two between NE 6th and NE 10th Avenues.

#### **Bike Repair Stations**

A Miami Shores Village Bike Repair station was relocated next to our new Butterfly Bike Rack located at Constitution Park.



#### Locations of bike repair stations:

- 1. Optimist Park 94th St. & NE 2nd Ave
- 2. Constitution Park 9825 Park Drive

## AUGUST 2022

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 BOOK FAIR!	3 BOOK FAIR! 11AM-5PM	4 BOOK FAIR!	5 BOOK FAIR!	6 BOOK FAIR!  11AM-2PM  Yoga at Optimist Park  11:30AM
7	8 Brockway Reading Circle	9	10	11	12	Yoga at Optimist Park 11:30AM
14	15	16	17 Florida Driver's License/ID Card Renewal/Replacement 9:30PM-1:30PM	18	19	Yoga at Optimist Park 11:30AM
21	22	23	24 Special Storytime with the Police Department 3:30PM (Must register)	25 Murder at the Library Book Club 10AM Travel & Recipe 7PM	26	27 BML Special Yoga Class 10AM-12PM \$38 /per person
28	29	30	31	Did you finish your summer reading?		There's still time! Check out your books today.

#### For More Information Contact:

#### Miami Shores Aquatics Center

Phone: 305-795-2241

#### **Miami Shores Country Club**

Phone: 305-795-2360

#### **Brockway Memorial Library**

Note: You must register for all programs.

Email: brownm@msvfl.gov Phone: 305-758-8107

#### **Village Council Meetings**

Email: rodriguezy@msvfl.gov

Phone: 305-762-4870

#### Planning & Zoning Meetings

Email: hasbunc@msvfl.gov Phone: 305-762-4864

#### Check Out a State Park Pass at **Brockway Memorial Library!**

In collaboration with the Division of Library and Information Services and Florida State Parks, Brockway Memorial Library brings you The Real Florida Reader State Park Pass!

The Real Florida Reader State Park Pass is a summer-long program that provides Florida's libraries with two park passes to circulate. The passes are good between May 21 and September 12, 2022.

For more information, please call 305-758-8107





#### **Library Hours**

Monday: 9:00am - 8:00pm 9:00am - 8:00pm Tuesday: Wednesday:9:00am - 6:00pm Thursday: 9:00am - 8:00pm Friday: 9:00am - 6:00pm Saturday: 9:00am - 3:00pm





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#### Connect With Us









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#### **NEWSLETTER**

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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.



