



Miami Shores Village



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Meet Our New Police Chief and Command Staff



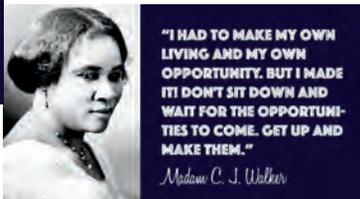
David Golt was sworn in as the eighth Miami Shores Police Department Police Chief, on Thursday, February 17th, 2022 with elected officials, Vice Mayor Daniel Marinberg and Councilmember Alice Burch welcoming him. Dignitaries, Miami-Dade County Commissioners, Sally Heyman and Keon Hardemon, were also in attendance, along with other municipal Police Chiefs, the Miami Shores Village team, family and friends. Promotions in the Police Department Command Staff include our first female Captain, Christine Herbert, Captains Joseph Keeley and David McLeod, and our first African-American Commander, Kerry Turner. We look forward to the leadership this awesome team will bring to the department.



Celebrating Women's History Month

March is Women's History Month

Join us as we celebrate the contributions women have made to the United States and recognize the specific achievements women have made over the course of American history in a variety of fields.



February Highlights

Black History Month

Tuesday, February 1, 2022 marked the beginning of Black History Month in Miami Shores Village with a kickoff event by South Florida People of Color at Brockway Memorial Library.

Library Board of Trustee, Kathy Redmond gave a warm welcome and introduction, followed by local tour guide, John Bachay, who gave a short history. Mayor Sandra Harris presided over the ribbon-cutting ceremony, which revealed the exhibit featuring artwork by Ithan Payne Creative, "The Black History of Miami Shores." Local real estate broker, Robert Bourne of Robert Bourne Real Estate, sponsored the event with appropriately-themed pineapple cookies to commemorate the Village's history of once being home to a pineapple plantation. As you may know, this year the Village celebrates its 90th Anniversary!

Thank you to all who attended!



Free Concert

In February, the Fine Arts Commission presented the first in-person concert, featuring the French Horn Collective on the Recreation Fields. This family-friendly concert was a resounding success with everyone. The next concert on the Recreation Fields is scheduled for Sunday, March 27th from 5pm - 7pm featuring Sol and The Tribu, a group of Cuban musicians who blend traditional Caribbean music and modern technology with a Miami twist.



STEMobile & Tips For Teens

MODS STEMobile:

Brockway Memorial Library welcomes the Museum of Discovery and Science (MODS) mobile makerspace - known as the MODS-STEMobile on the 2nd Thursday of each month from 4 to 5 pm!

The February theme of the month was "STEAM with High-Tech Tools" and kids used the process of chromatography to blend colors, learn about art, and decorate a tote bag. Next month's program theme is Animal Ambassadors, and learners will gather together to meet some of MODS' resident LIVE animals and hear about each animal's unique behaviors, physical features and survival techniques. Masks are required for this outdoor program for the protection of the animals.



TIPS FOR TEENS: Lessons from the Miami Shores Police Department

The Miami Shores Police Department teamed up with Brockway Memorial Library to provide free classes for teens. The topics taught were Healthy Habits by Officer Vieira, Social Media and Staying Safe Online by Officer Tejera, Careers in Law Enforcement by Officer Vieira and Ethics by Officer Greene. Each participant received their own copy of Sean Covey's book, The 7 "Habits of Highly Effective Teens" from the Library. This outreach drew youth from local area schools and provided noteworthy tips, relevant advice, and needed support that was acclaimed by parents and the community!

Village Spotlight

Butterfly Circle

Bound by Beauty's first ever Butterfly Circle, a sustainable, low maintenance sanctuary for butterflies and other pollinators. Helping us create the circle were Village Manager Esmond Scott, Assistant Village Manager Tanya Wilson, Recreation Superintendent Angie Dorney, Recreation Supervisor Jackie Villagran; and Assistant Public Works Director Frank Ruiz. And we couldn't have done it without the support of Mayor Sandra Harris.

The Butterfly Circle is based on existing wild plants growing in the grass that host butterflies, although we supplemented them with a few grown from cuttings. As these plants grow within the circle, unmolested by mowers or weed whackers, they will attract more and more butterflies, native bees, and other important insect pollinators that our lives and futures depend on.



Mayors' Monarch Pledge

Mayor Sandra Harris took the National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge! She joined a growing network of leaders across North America to save the monarch butterfly and other important pollinators. Over the next year, she will embark on completing actions to support monarch and pollinator conservation in our community. This is an iconic species whose eastern populations have declined by 90% and western populations by 99% in recent years.

We're looking for new faces!

Join our Village team today!

SUMMER CAMP COUNSELOR \$13.50/HR
LIFEGUARD \$15/HR
CASHIER & CONCESSION \$12/HR
COMMUNITY CENTER FACILITY ATTENDANT \$10.50/HR
COMMUNITY CENTER OFFICE ATTENDANT \$12/HR

For more information about positions, please contact the Recreation department at (305)758-6701.

Meet Frank Ruiz, Assistant Public Works Director



Frank Ruiz joined the Miami Shores Village Public Works team in October 2021 with a long-tenured career, bringing 45 years of experience in the construction industry. Mr. Ruiz holds a Florida State General Contractors license and has been involved in numerous types of construction projects throughout the State of Florida. Most recently, he was the Capital Improvements Project Manager and ADA Coordinator for the City of North Miami Beach with responsibility of over 10 facilities and a CIP budget of \$25 million. We welcome Mr. Ruiz to our team!

Bon Voyage Ryan Saidi !

We would like to recognize Ryan Saidi, who works at the Recreation Department, as a part-time Community Center attendant. Ryan began working with the Village in July of 2017 after graduating high school and has been an asset to the department ever since, as he is the first person a patron sees when entering the building. Always helpful, Ryan is also an avid reader, as well as an experienced chess player and enthusiastically explains the game to anyone interested. Ryan Saidi has enlisted with the United States Navy as an EOD (Explosive Ordinance Disposal) Technician and will be leaving the Village in early March. We wish him well.



Information

February Council Action Notes

February Council Action Notes:

- Adopted an ordinance, amending Article V, Division V, "Off-Street Parking Requirements", "Replacement of Non-Conforming Driveways," to allow for the replacement of a legal non-conforming driveway.

- Adopted an ordinance, imposing a temporary moratorium on the acceptance, review and consideration of applications for rezoning and/or future land use map amendments during the pendency of efforts by the village to process changes to the Village's Comprehensive Plan.

- Tabled an ordinance, approving a small-scale amendment to the Future Land Use Map (FLUM) within the Village Comprehensive Plan, redesignating the future land use designation for certain property from multi-family residential to commercial, during the pendency of efforts by the village to process changes to the Village's Comprehensive Plan.

- Tabled an ordinance, amending the official zoning map to reflect a district boundary change, from A2 to B2 for the property located 10500 Biscayne Boulevard, during the pendency of efforts by the village to process changes to the Village's Comprehensive Plan.

- Approved a resolution, permitting Property Assessed Clean Energy (Pace) Programs within the Corporate Limits of Miami Shores, Florida, approving agreements with the Florida Green Finance Authority, the Florida Resiliency and Energy District and the Florida Pace Funding Agency; utilizing Voluntary Non-Ad Valorem Assessments to finance qualifying improvements, and authorizing the Village Manager or designee to execute said agreements.

- Directed Village Administration to coordinate a Joint Meeting of the Miami Shores Village Council and the Doctors Charter School Board to discuss the school's Vision, Mission, and alternative funding opportunities.

- Waived Village 3-quote procurement requirement and approved the Calvin, Giordano & Associates proposal to assist the Village with the Comprehensive Plan amendments, resolving discrepancies between the Future Land Use Map and text.

- Directed the Village Manager to initiate the recruitment process for the Village Attorney position and for all letters of interest to be presented to the Village Council to shortlist the top five candidates; and to appoint Mr. Omar Bradford, Assistant Village Attorney, to serve as Interim Village Attorney during the pendency of the official selection of a Village Attorney, which shall take place no later than March 15, 2022.

Anonymous Complaints

Did you Know?

State Statute 162.06 (1) (b):

Florida law prohibits Village code inspectors from initiating an investigation of a potential violation of a code or ordinance by way of an anonymous complaint. A resident who submits a request for our inspectors to investigate possible code violations are required to provide his or her name and address before an investigation occurs. Subsequently, Miami Shores Code Compliance Inspectors must now have a complainant's name and address to initiate an investigation into a suspected code violation.

However, this does not apply if the code inspector has reason to believe the violation presents an imminent threat to public health, safety, or welfare or imminent destruction of habitat or sensitive resources. The anonymous complaints are vetted by our staff to determine if the possible violation presents an immediate negative impact on life safety, health, public welfare, or sensitive resources in the community.

NE 96 Street Project Update



The NE 96th Street Roadway Improvement Project to improve storm drainage and improve the road is underway. The project encompasses NE 96th St. between NE 2nd Avenue and NE 10th Avenue within Miami Shores Village. Twelve new drainage structures and French Drains are being installed throughout this corridor, and once installed, the street will be milled and resurfaced. The project began in November 2021, with the installation of a better drainage system on the west end of the project and resurfacing of all traffic lanes. As of today, the first stage is completed.

New curb and gutters are also being installed starting from NE 2nd Avenue to NE 4th Avenue. This project will also replace several residential driveways with new ones to comply with the curb and gutter enhancement, ensuring water flows properly, swiftly and unobstructed to our new drainage structures. We are focusing on finishing this section before starting the milling and asphalt by the end of the month.

In addition, new ADA-(American Disability Act) compliant sidewalk ramps will be installed. The projected completion date of the entire project is mid-summer.



as of Feb. 25, 2022

March 2022

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6 Farmers Market 10:00-3:00pm Optimist Park	7	8 Teen Art Classes "MOCA at the Library" Brockway Memorial Library	9 Virtual Puppet Theatre: "The Leprechaun's Gold" 4pm Watch on FACEBOOK - Miami Shores Village Official Government	10 Painting with Pastels 10am-Noon Brockway Memorial Library STEMobile! 4:00 PM-5:00PM Brockway Memorial Library Incredible History of the Village Beautiful 6:00PM-Brockway Memorial Library	11 Painting with Pastels 10am-Noon Brockway Memorial Library Virtual Village Kids Book Club "Half Magic" 3:30 PM Virtual via Zoom	12 Yoga 11:30 am Optimist Park Tennis Tournament 8:30am Tennis Center; 9701 Park Drive	5 Yoga 11:30 am Optimist Park
13 Farmers Market 10:00-3:00pm Optimist Park	14 Wild Waters - Miami Shores Aquatic Park Spring Break 12pm-3pm	15 Pickleball Clinic 6:00-7:30 PM Beginner Clinic Teen Art Classes "MOCA at the Library" Brockway Memorial Library	16 Storytime "Pete the Cat I Love my White Shoes" 3:30-4:15pm BM Library Wild Waters - Miami Shores Aquatic Park Spring Break 12pm-3pm	17 Painting with Pastels 10am-Noon Brockway Memorial Library Virtual Village Kids Book Club "Half Magic" 3:30 PM Virtual via Zoom	18 Yoga 11:30 am Optimist Park	19 Yoga 11:30 am Optimist Park	
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 through WEBTRAC
 www.webtrac.msvfl.gov

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For more information contact:
 90th Anniversary Upcoming
 Events
 Info: Miami Shores Village
 (msvfl.gov)





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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 305-795-2207 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, sign language interpreter (5 days advance notice required) or information on available access to individuals with disabilities.



DYK?
The Village has an electronic recycling drop-off location behind Village Hall?

Green T Corner

What can I do to be sustainable?

FUN FACT

Recycling one soda can can save enough energy to power a TV for 3 hours!



1. Think twice before shopping.
2. Go #Paperless.
3. Go #PlasticFree.
4. Eat less meat.
5. Recycle and reuse.
6. Be water wise.
7. Drive less, drive green.
8. Donate unused items.

DON'T HAT-RACK



YOUR TREE



Please call the Public Works Department at 305-795-2210 to speak with an arborist before trimming.