

## Councilwoman St. Fleur Resigns Ahead of Stiff Lobbying State Law

Katia St. Fleur tendered her resignation as Councilperson of Miami Shores Village ahead of the State Law establishing new constitutional standards on lobbying. St. Fleur's resignation became effective on December 15, 2022.

St. Fleur, the first Haitian American to hold office in Miami Shores Village, was elected in April 2021 for a two-year term which would have terminated in April 2023. Among her accomplishments while on the Council was her sponsorship of the Village's Strategic Management Plan – a roadmap and blueprint of priorities over the coming years.

## Comp Plan Adopted on first reading, now what's next?

The Village Council, as previously rescheduled, heard the ordinance on first reading to the amendments of the Future Land Use Element and Future Land Use Map of the Village Comprehensive Plan during a Special Council meeting at the C. Lawton McCall Community Center located at 9617 Park Drive, Miami Shores on December 14, 2022 at 6:30pm. In attendance were approximately 250 residents who first heard from the facilitator, Mr. James Karas, reporting about the participatory workshop held at the Country Club on November 30, 2022. Village Staff provided a summary and chronology of the Comprehensive Plan amendments supporting data and analysis.



Councilwoman Katia St. Fleur

In announcing her resignation at a special council meeting held on December 14, 2022, Ms. St. Fleur spoke about the honor and privilege she had serving her community while adding, "I sought and got legal counsel from different entities in order to be in compliance with the new state law. I am resigning because I have to."

The law which seeks to ban lobbying by ex-law makers will come into effect on January 1, 2023, and could bring about stiff sanctions if ex-law makers, including elected officials, are still in office after a December 31, 2022, deadline.



Councilmember Crystal Wager (left), Councilmember Alice Burch (right), Village Manager Esmond K. Scott listen as Claudia C. Hasbun, AICP, Planning, Zoning and Resiliency Director speaks

Village Council then discussed the item and agreed on modifications to the ordinance, for example, height for the mixed-use areas were restricted in feet instead of stories, The public hearing was open and an array of comments were echoed against and in support of the amendment. In addition to live comments, there was also an opportunity for virtual attendees to express their comments during the meeting. At this juncture, Village Council considered a motion to pass the ordinance, as amended. After the motion was seconded, the Council voted in favor 4 to 1. This vote at first reading means the ordinance, with its supportive and required documents, will be sent to the Department of Economic Opportunities (DEO), and to the other reviewing agencies and adjacent municipalities including Miami-Dade County for comments. Besides fixing the Future Land Use Element, the Village is also required to update the 11 remaining elements. For the first time there will be a new climate change element proposed. This provides an opportunity to elevate the Village's policies and future goals pertaining to change and resilience.

We encourage you to visit our Comprehensive Plan page by scanning the QR code below or contact Claudia C. Hasbun, AICP, Planning, Zoning and Resiliency Director at <u>compplaninfo@msvfl.</u> <u>gov</u>.



#### Scan for more info

## **Tree Lighting Recap**

On Saturday, December 3rd, Miami Shores residents and guests enjoyed crafts, snacks, and amusements. Miami Shores Presbyterian School Carolers participated in the event singing Holiday songs at the tree lighting event.



Vice Mayor Daniel Marinberg with residents and staff enjoyed the festivities



Guests were also treated to a special surprise visit from Santa Claus. The tree lighting ceremony also took place. Vice Mayor Daniel Marinberg welcomed the crowd and lit the tree. It was an event that was enjoyed by all who that attended.

## Intergenerational Game Night at the Library Recap

Brockway Memorial Library held its first intergenerational program, "Family Game Night," on Friday, December 9th. Residents and guests, alike, of all ages, participated had a wonderful time. The top game of the night was live bingo with prizes won from the white elephant table. Seniors that played games like scrabble and cards were paired up with families and staff.



## **MSV Celebrates Chanukkah**

Miami Shores Village commemorated the start of Chanukkah in collaboration with Chabad of Miami Shores for the 2nd Annual Menorah Lighting that took place on the north side of Village Hall on Sunday, December 18th. The event was well-attended with arts and crafts activities for children, food, and a BMX bike show presented by BMX Trick Stars. The audience was treated to several mid-air bicycle stunts by the performers, who awed the crowd with their range of skills.



Mushky Sossonko, Director of Chabad of Miami Shores presents gift to Poppet Project

Rabbi Asher Sossonko greeted the audience and introduced Vice Mayor Daniel Marinberg and Village Manager Esmond K. Scott, who both greeted the crowd before the ceremony commenced.



The event concluded with the lighting of the Menorah, which was accompanied by traditional Chanukkah songs, enjoyed by the children and families that attended.



Village residents are entertained as BMX Trick Stars perform

## Florida League of Cities Spotlights MSV in Podcast

This past November, Miami Shores Village Deputy Village Manager, Tanya Wilson, and Brockway Memorial Library Director, Michelle Brown, were featured guests on the Florida League of Cities monthly podcast, which spotlights best practices in municipalities throughout the state of Florida.



Tanya Wilson, Deputy Village Manager

Michelle Brown, Library Director

The segment focused on the Library's local history programming, which earned Miami Shores Village the League's 2022 Florida Citizenship Award.

Highlights of the program included concepts of community networking, bridging the gap between generations, and the important role libraries can play in providing resources and opportunities for community building.

The recorded podcast can be found online in the Florida League of Cities Online Learning Library at <u>https://www.gotostage.com/channel/flcities</u>. Select #FLCitiesStrong Monthly Webinar Series November.

# Santa comes to MSV with Santa's Express

For two consecutive days, Wednesday, December 21st and Thursday, December 22nd, Santa and his merry band of elves visited children in Miami Shores Village spreading some holiday magic and cheer as they delivered presents to the children.



The smiles were evident on the children's faces as Santa brought some of his Christmas joy to homes and hearts.



## My Safe FL Home Program Launches



In an effort to promote Resiliency, Miami-Dade County Mayor Daniella Levine Cava recently announced the My Safe Florida Program is now open and accepting applications. The program allows owners of any site-built, single-family residential Florida property to apply for a free home hurricane inspection. The complete home hurricane inspection of any single-family home comes at no cost and no obligation to homeowners. Any homeowner who applies can receive an inspection report detailing the strength of their home against hurricanes, get recommended improvements to increase that strength, and become eligible for home improvement grants. Please visit https:// mysafeflhome.com/ to apply.

# Neighborhood Services Corner

Illegal dumping is a problem that is having a major negative impact on Miami Shores Village's public drainage systems and our environment. Dumping materials into canals, ponds, lakes, streams or storm drains pollutes our waters and clogs up the storm drains, leading to flooding in our neighborhoods. This pollution has many adverse effects, from reducing the quality of water for drinking purposes to destroying fish and other aquatic life.

In addition to the immediate effects on local waterways, illegal dumping can also lead to long-term problems like contamination of soil and groundwater. Even if dumped material doesn't reach these areas directly, wind or rain could carry them across wider areas. This can cause a range of environmental issues such as poisoning plants and animals that rely on clean water sources for sustenance or the spread of diseases through vectors like mosquitoes.

It is important that we work together to protect our environment against this kind of damage caused by illegal dumping. We should all be aware of what happens when littering occurs; it increases the likelihood that someone else will do the same thing and continues the cycle of destruction. It is essential to report any sightings or violations to Neighborhood Services Department at (305) 762-4862 so that we may take appropriate action.

Not only does illegal dumping have an impact on the environment but it can also make living conditions worse in our community through flooding caused by blocked storm drains. This could mean that roads have to be closed off during heavy rain as well as increased health risks for those living nearby due to contaminated water entering homes or businesses. It's important for us all to do whatever we can in order to avoid this happening in Miami Shores Village by being cautious when disposing of waste and alerting authorities if anything suspicious is spotted around local waterways or storm drains.

With increased awareness of its consequences and better reporting procedures we will be able fight this issue together and make sure that we keep our community clean, safe and healthy!

# Sustainablity Corner



## **Recycling TIP**

Plastic bags cannot be recycled. Collect them and reuse them. You also bring your own reuseable bags at your local food stores such as Publix. There are bins for recycling outside the entry to the stores. When shopping, bring a reusable fabric shopping bag and an insulated bag for foods. For more information please visit:<u>https://www.msvfl.gov/department/</u> <u>services/garbage-and-recycling</u>





## National Seed Swap Day

National Seed Swap Day is celebrated on the last Saturday in January, which is January 28 this year, to honor the great U.S. tradition of swapping seeds with neighbors. The final week of January lays the chilly winds of winter to rest and signals the coming of spring – a season of blossoms, outdoor picnics, and fresh plantations.

More information can be found by visiting:<u>https://nationaltoday.com/national-seed-swap-day/</u>





Brockway Memorial Library Seed Share catalog

Looking for seeds? Don't forget that the Brockway Memorial Library has a seed swap catalog maintained by the Miami Seed Share!

Seeds are available during the Library's open hours and are free.

# **MSV Art in Public Places**

Miami Shores Village Council approved an "Arts in Public Places" Ordinance created by the Miami Shores Fine Arts Commission earlier this year. This new ordinance brings definition, clarity, and purpose to the board's Art in Public Places program which began in 2009. Since its inception, Arts in Public Places has functioned at the will of the Miami Shores Fine Arts Commission, with few regulations and no guidelines for art selection or installation.

This ordinance gives way to the creation of the Arts in Public Places guidelines for submitting, commissioning and allowing art on public property throughout Miami Shores Village. The last component for the Commission is to develop an Arts in Public Places Master Plan which will identify future goals and anticipate locations throughout the Village.

Miami Shores Fine Arts Commission Chair, Susan Ackley explains, "This new ordinance is a much needed clarification of our procedures for the process of acquiring art in public space."

# **MSES Corner**

Miami Shores Elementary School invited families to join for a Cambridge Exhibition evening at the school, where student projects across all grades were displayed. The students and families were also treated to a drawing demonstration and book signing with local author, Andrew Toffoli. Many students also signed up for their own Miami-Dade Public Library card.



MSES also held a Career Day for their students and introduced them to a variety of presenters, including but not limited to a lawyer, nurse, flight attendant, psychologist, entrepreneur, NFL scout, and street artist. Students were provided an opportunity to ask questions to further their understanding of the limitless options available to them and to enhance their communication abilities.

# December Village Council Actions

- Adopted an ordinance, amending the Village zoning code to remove the percentage limitation for synthetic turf in the rear yard.
- Approved a Florida Local Agency Program agreement with the State Of Florida Department Of Transportation, providing for reimbursement to the village of an amount not to exceed \$162,000 for the construction of thirty-six ADA compliant curb ramps.
- Florida Approved a Local Agency Program agreement with The State Of Florida Department Of Transportation. providing for reimbursement to the Village of an amount not to exceed \$705,429 for construction of multimodal mobility improvements to enhance safety and mobility for pedestrians and bicyclists and construction engineering inspection services.
- Appointed Ms. Evie Isles to the Personnel Appeals Board.
- Approved the budget allocation of two full-time employees to assist with the implementation and maintenance of the Main Street Program. Appointed Seth Bramson and Jeffrey Saadeh to the Historic Preservation Board.
- Approval of the Federation of Public Employees (FPE) union contract.
- Approved the Village Manager's employment agreement terms, as amended.
- Approved an ordinance on first reading, amending the Village comprehensive plan by amending the future land use element and future land use map for properties located in Miami Shores Village.
- Directed the Village Clerk to post a vacancy announcement (with an application deadline of December 22, 2022) for a Councilmember Seat and called a Special Meeting, which will be held on December 28, 2022 at 6:30 PM, to discuss a potential appointment to such office.

## January Events - Library

## FROST MUSEUM of SCIENCE

January 12, 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 The Power of Plasma, this month!





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

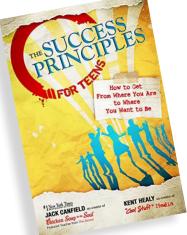
## **TEEN Series Miami Shores Police**

January 17th, 24th, and 31st 2023 | 4:00pm – 5:00pm For tweens and teens, ages 11-18

## Registration required, space is limited!

Come join the MSPD at the Library and learn important success strategies for teenagers! The Success Principles for Teens by Jack Canfield and Kent Healy is a roadmap for every young person.

It doesn't matter if your goal is to become a better student or athlete, start a business, make millions of dollars, or simply find guidance and direction, the principles in this book always work, if you work the principles. Get your FREE book while supplies last!



Presented by Miami Shores Police!

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#### VILLAGE KIDS BOOK CLUB January 19, 2023 | 4:00pm - 5:00pm

For kids, ages 7-11

## Registration required, space is limited!

Enjoy a sneak peak of the dynamic musical adaptation of Rick Riordan's bestselling book that opened on Broadway in 2019. When teenager Percy Jackson discovers he's a demigod, he and his friends embark on an epic journey to find Zeus' missing lightning bolt and prevent a war among the gods. Presented by the Miami Theatre Center!







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

## SATURDAY STORYTIME

January 21st, 2023 | 10:30am - 11:15am

For kids, ages 3 and up **Registration required, space is limited** 

"The Snowy Day" by Ezra Jack Keats

Waking up to a world of snowy white-what could be better? Young Peter can't wait to jump in his snowsuit and run out to explore. There are snowmen to build snowballs to pack, mountains to climb, and snowbanks to collapse in-to carve a snow angel! And when the day is done, there's a dark night of dreams and drifting snow, and a new snowy day to awake to.



Join us at the Library for an awesome art project! Learn how to make a collage with beautiful paper you create using Crayola resist technique!

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## January Events - Parks and Rec

#### KidCreate Studio For kids, ages 18 months to 5 years Parent and Me Class R:\$135 | NR:\$176

Kidcreate Studio's award-winning art classes allow kids to explore art in an environment full of giggles and grins. Kids create fridge-worthy masterpieces while learning art concepts and experimenting with different art materials. The curriculum is age-appropriate and designed to inspire. Classes provide a fun, self-esteem-building atmosphere full of "I did it" moments. Making a mess is the best with Kidcreate Studio!



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

## Crafty Creators For kids, ages 6-10 *R:\$200 | NR:\$260*

Calling all young creatives...Come, be a Crafty Creator and join the FUN! Young creators will explore their creative side with hands-on crafts, and the best part...the mess will stay at the Recreation Center! Craft projects will include a variety of materials and methods such as drawing, painting, sculpting, beading, collaging, upcycling and so much more.



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

#### Cookie Create For kids, ages 6-11 *R:\$240 | NR:\$312*

Does your child like to bake? Do they have fun cooking? If so, this program is for them! Come and sign up! Children will have fun learning how to bake different cookie recipes from scratch and learn a variety of techniques for decorating them. While the cookies bake, they will design their own cookie cookbook to share will their families. All supplies are included!



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

**Guitar Group Lessons - Paz Music** 

For kids, ages 6-11

R:\$132-\$154 | NR:\$172-\$200

Does your child have a love for music? Have they ever been curious about learning a musical instrument? With this class children will learn how to have fun together while learning to read music, sing, and improvise over songs from around the world!



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

## 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 lyengar 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.

# **JANUARY 2023**

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
~	Shores Sunday Market 10AM-4PM (9301 N.E. 2ND AVE)	2 New Year's Holiday Village Offices Closed	Yoga Body & Mind 8:45am (CC) Council Meeting 6:30pm (9900 N.E. 2nd Ave.)	4 *	5	*	Yoga and Meditation Workshop 11am (BML) Cost: \$37
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CC: Community Center - 9617 Park Drive - Phone:305-758-8103 BML: Brockway Memorial Library - 10021 NE 2nd Ave - Phone:305-758-8107

# Miami Shores Police Hosts CSIT at Barry University

The Miami Shores Police Department recently hosted a Crime Scene Investigators Training Course (CSIT) at Barry University-an unprecedented first for the department. The five-day CSIT course was well attended with thirty-two officers from all across the country, ranging from Georgia, Colorado, and, of course, Miami Shores just to name a few.



MSPD Chief Golt greets class on CSIT at Barry University

This training course provided students with comprehensive and specialized training in the application of crime scene investigations. At the end of the week, students were able to demonstrate proficiency in crime scene management, processing, evidence documention, advanced latent print examination, and impression.

## Plaza 98 - Sip, Shop, and Celebrate!

Sip, Shop, and Celebrate, a Plaza 98 event, was held in Downtown Miami Shores on Saturday, December 10th. This annual event celebrated the Miami Shores small business communty. It was an evening filled with food, fun, and shopping for all who attended.





#### NOTICE OF ELECTION MIAMI SHORES VILLAGE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Miami Shores Village will hold its Village Council Election for the purpose of electing three (3) Council Members on:

#### Tuesday, April 11, 2023 from 7 AM to 7 PM

The Qualification Period for candidates begins at 8:30 AM on Monday, February 6, 2023 until 5:00 PM on Friday, March 3, 2023 in Village Hall, Office of the Village Clerk, 10050 NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Miami Shores, FL 33138.

All Miami Shores Village qualified electors will be eligible to vote. Voter registration books for this election close on Monday, March 13, 2023.

Ysabely Rodriguez, MPA, CMC Village Clerk/Local Supervisor of Elections



A 90 year celebration of highlights

# Miami Shores Village is Age-Friendly Certified by AARP

Miami Shores Village is proud to join many other South Florida municipalities as part of the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities. The AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities is an affiliate of the World Health Organization's Age-Friendly Cities and Communities Program, an international effort launched in 2006 to help cities prepare for rapid population aging and the parallel trend of urbanization. The program has participating communities in more than 20 nations, as well as 10 affiliates representing more than 1,000 communities (www.aarp. org). This designation reaffirms the Village's commitment to actively work toward making Miami Shores a livable community for people of all ages.

The Village joined the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities and the World Health Global Network of Age-Friendly Communities in November 2018. The effort to join the network was driven by the Village Council who recognized the need to support an aging population and to create a better quality of life for older people. Over 390 communities across the United States have become age friendly communities, as well as 4 states including Florida, which joined the age-friendly network in April 2019. The Miami Shores Village Age-Friendly Action Plan was officially adopted by the Miami Shores Village Council on October 6th, 2022. This action plan provides a robust framework toward accomplishing the goals of the eight domains. By exploring them, the Village is committed to improving Miami Shores in a comprehensive way that will address all areas of livability to make significant changes in order to improve the quality of life of its residents.

The development of the Miami Shores Village Age-Friendly Action Plan, which serves to document and chart its course, provides a set of goals and related actions on which the Village will focus. There are eight key domains which include CommUNITY, Health and Participation, Housing & Participation, Transportation & Mobility, Outdoor Spaces & Buildings, Social Participation, Respect & Social Inclusion, Civic Participation & Employment and Communication & Information. These actions are in place to create an age friendly community which will help to improve the quality of lives of older adults and all residents within the community. This document provides



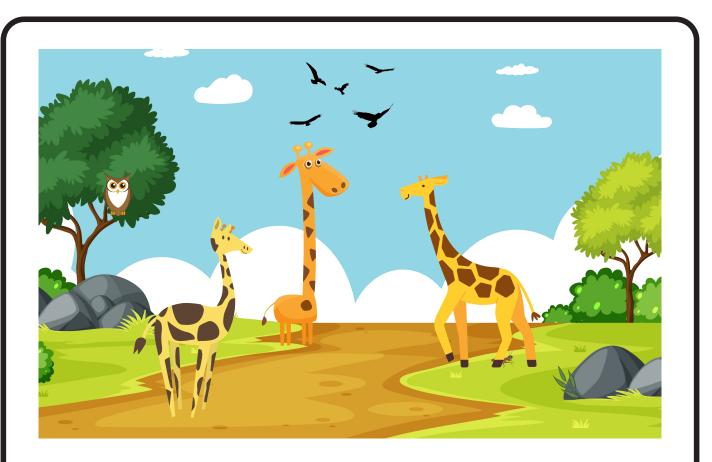
information on policies, services and programs that the Village currently has in place and briefly touches on some services that external organizations within the local area provide. Our goal is to seek out and establish opportunities to improve upon these services and to also find what other established organizations we may have in place to assist with these services (like the North Miami Foundation, Friendly Villagers, Woman's Club, Kiwanis) and where there may be additional needs of both elderly people and caregivers of elderly people within the community. The aim is to find out about various groups and organizations who are involved in providing services and bring them together to work to inform the community about these services and organizations.

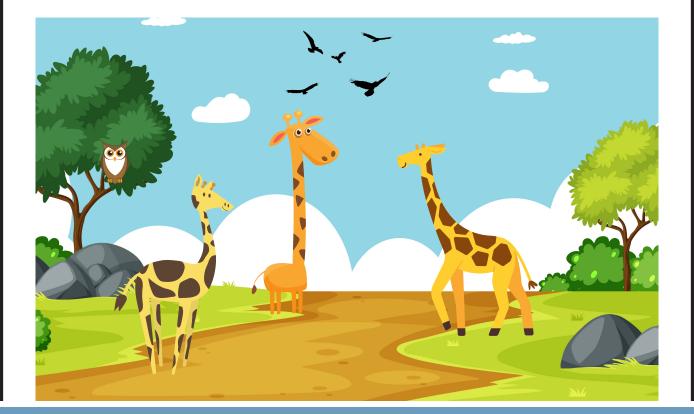
The Village has several community policies, programs and services that are aimed at improving the quality of lives of older adults in creating an age-friendly community, social programs that provide assistance and resources to older adults, and create a safer and more walkable and transit-oriented community, and will be part of our community and comp plans. The Village wants to continue to improve the sustainability for all its residents by continuing these policies, programs, and services and working toward other initiatives and programs to continuously improve the quality of life for older residents and caregivers in the community.

We are proud the Village is now certified having created an action plan for becoming more age-friendly under the criteria established by AARP and has been renewed as a member of *The AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities.* 

# **KIDS CORNER**

Can you spot 5 differences between these illustrations?







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