

NEWSLETTER



MIAMI SHORES VILLAGE MANAGER ADDRESSES THE FRIENDLY VILLAGERS OF MIAMI SHORES CLUB

On Tuesday, January 6, 2026, the Friendly Villagers of Miami Shores Club welcomed Village Manager Esmond K. Scott as the guest speaker at their Lunch & Meet at the Miami Shores Country Club.

Mr. Scott spoke of the meaningful progress on several major initiatives that strengthen infrastructure, enhance environmental resilience, and improve quality of life for residents. These projects include the Septic-to-Sewer Conversion in the Shores Estates, the new Living Seawall project, and the NW 95th Street Buffer Wall project.

Such initiatives are made possible through the development of a balanced and responsible budget reflective of the collective voices of the community and its needs. Mr. Scott spoke of the Village's increased operating budget for fiscal year 2026 (which began on October 1, 2025 and ends on September 30, 2026), fueled by increased property values; remaining balance in ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) dollars, and usage of a portion of fund balance from Special Revenue and Enterprise Fund balances to shore up infrastructure.

He was pleased to announce that over the last four and a half years, the Village has secured \$33.3 million in grant funding, representing an overall approximate 75/25 match that significantly leverages local dollars, meaning that every local dollar invested brought three more back into our community. Most recently, Miami Shores Village was awarded \$8.7 million for the next septic to sewer conversion project in the southeastern Shores from NE 91st Terrace to NE 96th Street east of 10th Avenue through the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Water Quality Grant Program. In addition, the Village has used grant funding for a Parks Master Plan and Stormwater Master Plan and was recently awarded a \$375,000 grant from the US Department of Transportation to develop a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan.

The Village has pursued and received funding for both roadway improvements and stormwater enhancements on NE 8th Avenue as well as NE 104 Street, and public infrastructure upgrades to the pump station on NE 93rd Street through state programs. These investments underscore Miami Shores' commitment to maximizing outside funding opportunities while maintaining fiscal discipline.

As Miami Shores moves forward, these investments lay the groundwork for continued progress, demonstrating how thoughtful planning, strong partnerships, strategic funding, and the insightful leadership and strong support of the Mayor and Council can translate into tangible improvements for residents and the broader Miami-Dade community.



STATE OF FLORIDA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

During the 2026 Florida Legislative Session, state lawmakers are considering several proposals aimed at reforming Florida's property tax system. These discussions come as many homeowners experience higher property valuations and rising tax bills statewide.

In late January, multiple property tax reform bills advanced through key Florida House committees, indicating that the Legislature is actively evaluating changes that could significantly affect how local governments are funded and how property taxes are calculated. Some proposals under consideration could ultimately be placed on the November 2026 ballot for voter approval. Local governments rely on property tax revenues to support essential services such as public safety, infrastructure maintenance, parks, and community programs. While no changes have been finalized, the Village is closely monitoring the legislative process and its potential impacts on residents and municipal services.

To help residents stay informed, a summary of the key proposals currently under discussion is included in the Legislative Insert Guide on Page 5.

PROPERTY TAX REFORM



Law Enforcement Advisory Panel

CHIEF DAVID GOLT APPOINTED TO FMIT LAW ENFORCEMENT ADVISORY PANEL

In November of 2026, Miami Shores Police Chief David Golt was appointed to the Florida League of Cities, Florida Municipal Insurance Trust Law Enforcement Advisory Panel.

The Law Enforcement Advisory Panel (LEAP) is a membership organization consisting of Florida Law Enforcement Chief Executive Officers, Law Enforcement Executives, Risk and Safety Professionals, and Subject Matter Experts. The goals are to work together to foster a spirit of cooperation within the law enforcement community and to recognize that risk and safety management are key factors in reducing injury and tragedy within our ranks through education, training philosophy, and policy review. Members also provide their perspective to the Florida Municipal Insurance Trust, administered by the Florida League of Cities, to effect best practices in pursuit of safe operations and to reduce risk. Chief Golt attended his first meeting this January.



THE HAPPY SEEDS PROJECT BLOOMS AT BROCKWAY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

We're excited to announce a new addition to the Library's Seed Catalog, which already hosts wonderful seeds from the Library's Native Garden thanks to Mary Benton and her Bound By Beauty team. Now, the Happy Seeds Project has also taken root! This vibrant initiative, part of the award-winning Ready, Set, Grow! program in Miami-Dade County, offers a rich variety of seeds, from vegetables to pollinator-friendly flowers and herbs, inviting families to begin or expand their gardening journey. By growing their own food and nurturing plants, participants not only enjoy fresh, nutritious produce but also contribute to a thriving local ecosystem. To learn more about this initiative, follow @readyssetgrowinitiative and @thehappyseedsproject on Instagram, or visit readyssetgrow.world. The seed catalog is located inside the Library just as you enter in the front lobby.

JANUARY 2026 COUNCIL ACTION NOTES:

- Approved a resolution, awarding the Biscayne Boulevard median landscape beautification project to SFM Landscape Services, LLC, and authorized the Village Manager to execute an agreement with the vendor in an amount not to exceed \$294,284.50.
- Directed the Village Manager to bring forth a comprehensive update on roadway safety and signage.
- Directed the Village Attorney to research best practices from municipalities that have transitioned from septic to sewer systems, with a focus on connection requirements, associated fees, and the feasibility of camera inspection protocols during property transfers.
- Directed the Village Attorney to prepare a resolution, designating the Aquatic Center Pool in honor of Shirley Stobs Davis.



FEBRUARY EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

See online calendar at msvfl.gov.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Aquatic Center Pilates at the Pool 9:30am	2	3 Library MOCA at the Library 4pm Village Hall Village Council Meeting 6:30pm	4 Library LIVE Puppet Show 4pm	5 Library Read with Major Troy 3:30pm Village Hall Education Advisory Board Meeting 6pm Code Enforcement Board 6pm	6 Library Miami Theater Center Workshop 1030am	7 Constitution Park Fitness in the Park 9am Library Senior Tech Connect 10:30am Optimist Park Farmers Market 3pm
8	9 Library Reading Circle 6pm Community Center Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting 6:30pm	10 Library MOCA at the Library 4pm The Declaration of Independence: America's Birth Certificate 6pm Community Center Arts & Culture Board Meeting 6:30pm	11 Library Library Board of Trustees Meeting 9am Village Hall Sustainability Committee Meeting 6:30pm	12 Library FROST Science Museum 4pm	13	14  Constitution Park Fitness in the Park 9am Optimist Park Farmers Market 3pm
15 Aquatic Center Pilates at the Pool 9:30am	16  All Village offices closed	17 Library MOCA at the Library 4pm Village Hall Village Council Meeting 6:30pm	18 Library Heart Health & Aging Talk 11am Village Hall Historic Preservation Board Meeting 6:30pm	19 Library Village Kids Book Club 4pm	20	21 Constitution Park Fitness in the Park 9am Library Saturday Storytime 10:30am Optimist Park Farmers Market 3pm Field House Teen Trip 5:30pm
22	23	24 Library MOCA at the Library 4pm	25 Country Club Country Club Advisory Board Meeting 5:30pm	26 Library Library Children's Author Event 4pm Village Hall Planning & Zoning Board 6pm	27	28 Constitution Park Fitness in the Park 9am Library Brigadiers History Club 10:30am Optimist Park Farmers Market 3pm

THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE: AMERICA'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE

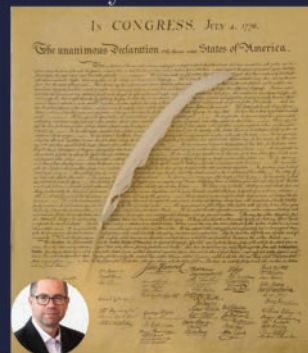
Tuesday, February 10 | 6pm
At Brockway Memorial Library

In 2026, our nation celebrates the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The Library, in collaboration with its community partners, will offer several outstanding programs this year around the national theme, America 250.

Last month our Youth Services Department kicked off the year with the Miami Shores Police Department in a meaningful Teen Series centering on character with the book, What do You Stand For? Local journalist, Gaspar Gonzalez, hosted a program on our own little piece of American history - Hialeah Park, and coming up this month to keep the momentum going is an author event with Richard Bell on "The Declaration of Independence: America's Birth Certificate," Tuesday, February 10th at 6pm. Please call to register or go online at DOI250.eventbrite.com. See you at the Library in 2026!

The Declaration of Independence: America's Birth Certificate

Presented by Dr. Richard Bell



The Declaration of Independence is a literary masterpiece written jointly by a committee of fifty people.

In this presentation, author and Professor of History at the University of Maryland, Dr. Richard Bell, explores the fascinating origins, misunderstood purpose, and extraordinary global legacy of the Declaration of Independence.

Tuesday, February 10th at 6:00 pm
Brockway Memorial Library
10021 NE 2nd Avenue
Miami Shores, FL

Free to attend.

Registration: <https://DOI250.eventbrite.com>



CODE COMPLIANCE

Even during the winter season, proper landscaping remains an important part of code compliance and neighborhood upkeep. While growth slows, property owners are still responsible for keeping yards free of overgrown weeds, dead vegetation, and debris that can attract pests or create fire hazards. Trimming trees and shrubs, removing fallen branches, and clearing sidewalks and rights-of-way help maintain safety and visibility. Winter is also an ideal time to plan repairs, refresh mulch, and prepare irrigation systems for spring. Consistent landscaping maintenance during winter helps preserve property values, supports community standards, and ensures properties remain in compliance year-round.



BOARD NEWS

HISTORIC HOUSE OF THE MONTH

The Historic Preservation Board is continuing its Historic House of the Month program in 2026. The focus for this year will be on the Village's beautiful Mid-century Moderns. The mid-20th Century in Florida represented a transition from traditional and Art Deco architecture to the new Modernist movement. In Miami Shores, Tropical Modern architecture blended clean modernist lines with breezy indoor-outdoor living, using broad overhangs, native materials, and lush landscaping to create elegant, climate-responsive homes perfectly suited to South Florida's sun and breeze. The house of the month for February is the "Benn House" which was built in 1948 by and for the Benn Construction company owned by Louis and James Benn. The house was designed by renowned Florida architect Manfred Ungaro who helped popularize the unique Miami Modern style later called MIMO. His work is widely featured in Miami Beach, and he designed five homes in Miami Shores including his own. The house is a wonderful example of MIMO and includes a playful take on the style with its varied rooflines and stone features that capture the exuberance and optimism of 1950s-60s. (Jeffrey Saadeh - Vice President, Miami Shores Historic Preservation Board).

Drive by and admire this beautiful Miami Shores home at 290 NE 95th Street!



Photo Credit:
Jeffrey Saadeh

POLICE DEPARTMENT

February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month

Chief David Goltand your Miami Shores Police Department want to bring awareness to an issue that affects more teens than many realize. Teen dating violence can impact young people of all backgrounds and may involve physical, emotional, psychological, digital, or sexual abuse. These behaviors are often mistaken for normal conflict or signs of affection, but they can have lasting effects on mental health, academic performance, and overall well-being.



Know the Warning Signs

Warning signs may include excessive jealousy or control, constant monitoring through texts or social media, put-downs or threats, pressure to share passwords or photos, isolation from friends and family, and any form of physical harm or intimidation. Healthy relationships are built on respect, trust, communication, and boundaries—no one has the right to control or harm another person, online or in person.

Prevention Starts with Conversation

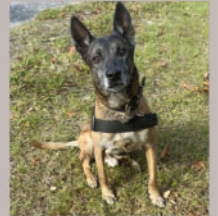
Parents, educators, and mentors should talk openly with teens about healthy relationships, setting boundaries, and how to seek help without fear. Asking for help is a sign of strength.

If you or someone you know is experiencing dating violence, call 911 in an emergency. You can also contact MSPD at 305-759-2468, or reach the National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline at 1-866-331-9474 or text LOVEIS to 22522.

The Miami Shores Police Department stands ready to help families who need assistance with dating violence. Together, we can spread awareness, promote prevention, and remind teens that love should never hurt.

Rest in Peace K-9 Bosco

K-9 Bosco faithfully served the Miami Shores Police Department for 7 years, prior to his retirement in August of 2024. Bosco was an invaluable member of the Department, contributing to successful perimeters, evidence recovery, apprehension of subjects, and the recovery of firearms. He helped keep our community safe and fostered community engagement throughout his service.



At home with his partner, Sergeant Abner Vargas, and his human family, he was a loving companion, friend, and guardian. Sadly, K-9 Bosco passed away before the holidays on October 26th, 2025. We thank Bosco for his loyal service and the smiles he brought to so many. Please join us in paying our respects and condolences to all those who knew and loved Bosco. May he rest in peace.

MIAMI SHORES VILLAGE LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2026 BILL OVERVIEW

HOUSE PROPERTY TAX PROPOSALS

HB 201 Elimination of Non-School Property Tax for Homesteads

Proposes an amendment to the State Constitution to exempt homestead property from all ad valorem taxation other than school district taxes and would prohibit counties and municipalities from reducing total funding for law enforcement. This bill has moved favorably through two committees in the House and has one committee stop remaining.

HB 203 Phased Out Elimination of Non-School Property Tax for Homesteads

Proposes an amendment to the State Constitution to increase exemption for homestead property from all ad valorem taxation other than school district levies annually for 10 years by a certain amount, to make homestead property exempt from all ad valorem taxation other than school district levies by a specified date, prohibiting counties and municipalities from reducing total funding for law enforcement. This bill has moved favorably through all three of its referenced committees in the House and is ready for a vote by the full House.

HB 205 Elimination of Non-School Property Tax for Homesteads for Persons Age 65 or Older

Proposes an amendment to the State Constitution to exempt homestead property from all levies other than school district levies for persons who have attained age 65, prohibiting counties and municipalities from reducing total funding for law enforcement. This bill has moved favorably through two committees in the House and has one committee stop remaining.

HB 207 Assessed Home Value Homestead Exemption of Non-School Property Tax

Proposes an amendment to the State Constitution to add a homestead exemption for levies other than school levies equal to 25% of the remaining assessed value after applying existing exemptions, prohibiting counties and municipalities from reducing total funding for law enforcement. This bill has moved favorably through its first committee in the House and has two committee stops remaining.

HB 209 Property Insurance Relief Homestead Exemption Non-School Property Tax

Proposes an amendment to the State Constitution to increase by \$200,000 the exemption for homestead property from all ad valorem taxation other than school district levies for homestead properties that have property insurance, prohibiting local governments from reducing total funding for first responders. This bill has moved favorably through all of its House committees and is ready for a vote by the full House.

MIAMI SHORES VILLAGE LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2026 BILL OVERVIEW

HOUSE PROPERTY TAX PROPOSALS

HB 211 Accrued Save-Our-Homes Property Tax Benefit for Non-School Property Tax

Proposes an amendment to the State Constitution to increase the maximum value of the accrued Save-Our-Homes benefit which may be transferred to a new homestead for all levies other than school district levies, prohibiting counties and municipalities from reducing total funding for law enforcement. This bill has moved favorably through two committees in the House and has one committee stop remaining.

HB 213 Modification of Limitations on Property Assessment Increases

Proposes an amendment to the State Constitution to modify limitation on assessment increases for both homestead and non-homestead property, prohibiting local governments from reducing total funding for services provided by law enforcement, firefighters and other first responders. This bill has moved favorably through its second committee in the House with one committee stop remaining.

HB 215 Ad Valorem Taxation

Revises Save-Our-Homes portability benefits available to married persons establishing joint homestead, prohibiting an increase in the prior year's adopted millage rate from going into effect unless approved by a two-thirds vote of the membership of the governing body of the county, municipality, or special district. This bill has moved favorably through its first committee in the House with two committees remaining.

HB 787 County and School District Ad Valorem Taxing Authority

Proposes amendments to the State Constitution to remove authority of counties and school districts to levy ad valorem taxes. This bill has not been heard yet in any House committee and has four committee stops. Linked to this bill is HB 791 which would revise upward specified sales and use tax, requiring certain percentage of collected revenues be used for specified purposes and require a specified surtax when property is transferred. That bill also has four committee references and has not yet been heard in committee.

Miami Shores Village will continue to monitor legislative activity and provide updates as information becomes available.

MIAMI SHORES VILLAGE PROPERTY TAXES EXPLAINED

Understanding Property Taxes in Miami Shores

Property taxes are a key source of funding for local services that support the Miami Shores community. As property values change across Florida, it is important for residents to understand how property taxes work, who sets them, and how they are used.

How Property Taxes Work

Property taxes in Florida are based on the value of real estate, including homes and land. Property values are assessed annually by the **Miami-Dade County Property Appraiser**, not by the Village. After exemptions are applied, local governments set tax rates—known as millage rates—to fund public services.

One mill equals \$1 in tax for every \$1,000 of taxable property value. Your total tax bill includes contributions to multiple taxing authorities, such as Miami-Dade County, Miami Shores Village, the School Board, and special districts.

Exemptions and Protections

Florida law provides important protections for homeowners:

- Homestead Exemption reduces the taxable value of a primary residence.
- Save Our Homes limits how much the assessed value of a homesteaded property can increase each year, helping keep taxes more predictable even when market values rise.

Residents must apply for exemptions through the Property Appraiser's Office.

What Property Taxes Pay For

Property tax revenues support essential local services, including:

- Police and fire protection
- Roadway and drainage maintenance
- Parks and recreational facilities
- Public infrastructure and capital improvements
- Neighborhood and community services

These funds stay local and directly support the quality of life in Miami Shores.

How Tax Rates Are Set

Each year, the Village Council and other taxing authorities adopt budgets and millage rates during public hearings. Residents are encouraged to participate, review proposed budgets, and share feedback before final decisions are made.

Staying Informed

Property taxes are the foundation of local government services. Miami Shores continues to monitor legislative discussions at the state level that could impact property taxes in the future and remains committed to keeping residents informed. For more information on the total property taxes you pay, visit the Miami-Dade County Property Appraiser's website. To see your local tax dollars, visit the Miami Shores Village website at www.msvfl.gov.

MIAMI SHORES VILLAGE LEGISLATIVE CONTACTS & COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Residents seeking additional information about state legislative proposals, including property tax reform, may contact the following offices:

Florida House of Representatives

Miami Shores Village is represented in the Florida House by:

Representative Dotie Joseph

 (305) 892-4296

 Dotie.Joseph@flhouse.gov

District Office

735 Northeast 125th Street
North Miami, FL 33161-5605

Residents may contact Representative Joseph to ask questions, share feedback, or learn more about property tax reform and other legislative proposals under consideration. More information is available at flhouse.gov.

Miami Shores Village

Miami Shores Village Hall
10050 NE 2nd Avenue
Miami Shores, FL 33138
 (305) 795-2207

For questions related to how proposed legislation may impact the Village, municipal services, or local budgeting:

Mayor — Jerome Charles

 (305) 498-9923

 jeromecharles@msvfl.gov

Village Manager — Esmond K. Scott

 (305) 762-4851

 ScottE@msvfl.gov

Village Clerk — Ysabely Rodriguez

 (305) 762-4870

 RodriguezY@msvfl.gov

Village staff can assist residents with meeting information, public records, and understanding how state legislation may affect local services.

Florida State Senate

Miami Shores Village is represented in the Florida Senate by:

Sen. Shevrin “Shev” Jones (District 34)

 (305) 493-6002

 Jones.Shevrin.web@flsenate.gov

District Office

606 NW 183rd St., Miami Gardens, FL 33169

Residents may contact Senator Jones for information on legislative property tax proposals, state bills and public hearings. More information is available at flsenate.gov.

Miami-Dade County Legislative Delegation

The Miami-Dade County Legislative Delegation represents countywide interests before the Florida Legislature and can assist residents in identifying appropriate legislative contacts:

Stephen P. Clark Center

111 NW 1st Street, Suite 1032
Miami, FL 33128-1994
 (305) 375-2458

Delegation Director: Sandra Saint-Hilaire

Sandra.Saint-Hilaire@miamidade.gov

The Delegation coordinates legislative priorities, public hearings, and constituent assistance with lawmakers.

PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

For more information on Parks and Recreation programs call: 305-758-8103

P&R PROGRAMS

If you're looking for fun activities for the kids, engaging adult programs, or opportunities for seniors to stay active, we've got something for everyone. For class information, schedules, and registration, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 305-758-8103

Program and Instructor Highlight



Congratulations to Shihan Danny Lemus on 46 Years of Karate Excellence at Miami Shores.

The Miami Shores Parks & Recreation Community Center proudly congratulates Shihan Danny Lemus on an extraordinary milestone; 46 years of hosting and teaching karate classes that have positively shaped generations of children and adults in the Miami Shores community.

Shihan Danny Lemus, an 8th Degree Black Belt, respected Karate Master, and 8-time Florida State Champion, has dedicated years to teaching traditional Japanese/Okinawan Karate, known as Nisei Goju Ryu. This distinguished "hard and soft" style of karate emphasizes not only physical strength and technique, but also balance, discipline, and personal growth.

Throughout the decades, countless students have benefited from Shihan Lemus's commitment to excellence, learning far more than martial arts. His instruction instills the core values of self-defense, self-control, discipline, confidence, self-esteem, respect, and balance. Classes held every Monday and Wednesday welcome children and adults of all ages, fostering an inclusive environment where students grow both on and off the mat.

The Miami Shores Parks & Recreation Community Center is honored to celebrate this remarkable legacy and extends heartfelt congratulations to Shihan Danny Lemus for his decades of dedication, leadership, and service to the community. Congratulations on 46 years of excellence—and thank you for inspiring generations through the art of karate.

For More information on our Karate classes, please contact the Parks and Recreation department at 305-758-8103



Dive into February: Learn to Swim Classes Starting!

The Aquatic Center is thrilled to announce that the Learn to Swim classes will resume this month. Whether you're a complete beginner or looking to refine your swimming skills, we have programs tailored for all ages and levels.

For class information, schedules, and registration, please contact the Aquatic Center at 305-795-2241 or aquatics@msvfl.gov. Our friendly staff will be happy to assist you with any inquiries and guide you through the registration process.



Fitness in the Park

Every Saturday | Constitution Park | 9:00am

Get moving with our 5-month fitness series through May 2026. These full-body workouts, led by certified fitness trainer Jacob Hasbrouck, are perfect for teens and adults looking to stay active. Fitness Series sponsored by The Miami Shores Community Alliance.

The Miami Shores Market is back!

Saturdays | Optimist Park | 3:00-8:00 PM

Enjoy local vendors, fresh produce, delicious food, and great community vibes. Swing by, support local businesses, and make it part of your Saturday plans.

Optimist Park
at NE 94th St & NE 2nd Ave
Miami Shores, Florida 33138

3:00 pm to
8:00 pm



the market

at Miami Shores Village

EVERY SATURDAY

3:00PM TO 8:00PM



LIBRARY NEWS & EVENTS

For more information on Library programs call: 305-758-8107 | Registration Required.

LIBRARY RECAP



Brockway Memorial Library Hosts Miami Shores Police Department's 2026 Teen Character Building Workshop
Brockway Memorial Library welcomed the Miami Shores Police Department for a three week Teen Character Building Workshop held on Tuesdays, January 13, 20, and 27. Teens from local schools participated in engaging discussions and activities—and each attendee received a free copy of *What Do You Stand For? For Teens: A Guide to Building Character* by best selling author Barbara A. Lewis. The book encourages young people to reflect on and strengthen essential qualities such as honesty, kindness, empathy, integrity, tolerance, patience, and respect. These themes guided the workshop's conversations, offering teens practical tools for personal growth and positive decision making. The sessions, led by Officers Tejera and Bakewell, and Sergeant Greene, created a welcoming environment and strengthened connections between the Library, local schools, and the MSPD. The workshop offered teens meaningful guidance from trusted role models and helped build lasting community bridges.



Hialeah Park Presentation

On January 10, Gaspar Gonzalez gave a presentation on Hialeah Park to about 30 attendees at Brockway Memorial Library. He noted that the park opened to horseracing in 1925 and was considered one of the most beautiful horse tracks in the world. Famous thoroughbred horses that raced there included Citation, Seabiscuit and Seattle Slew. The park attracted a lot of celebrities including Winston Churchill, John F. Kennedy and Harry Truman. He also recounted how the flamingos were introduced to the park and eventually began to roost and reproduce on the infield of the track. A series of legislative events eventually led to the demise of horse racing and now the park is a casino but the beautiful building and track are still there for all to see.

KIDS PROGRAMS

MOCA AT THE LIBRARY

Tuesdays, February 3, 10, 17, 24 | 4pm

LIVE PUPPET SHOW

Wednesday, February 4 | 4pm

READ WITH MAJOR TROY

Thursday, February 5 | 3:30pm

MIAMI THEATER CENTER

Friday, February 6 | 10:30am

FROST MUSEUM OF SCIENCE

Thursday, February 12 | 4pm

VILLAGE KIDS BOOK CLUB

Thursday, February 19 | 4pm

SATURDAY STORYTIME

Saturday, February 21 | 10:30am

CHILDREN'S AUTHOR EVENT: WHISPERS OF THE DREAM GRANTER

Thursday, February 26 | 4pm

ADULT PROGRAMS

SENIOR TECH CONNECT

Saturday, February 7 | 10:30am

Top Senior Scams and How to Avoid Them

HEART HEALTH & AGING AT HOME: HOW TO PREVENT HOSPITALIZATIONS AND STAY INDEPENDENT

Wednesday, February 18 | 11am



2026 Road Scholar at Home Free Online Lecture Series

If you are looking for inspiring ways to learn from the comfort of home, consider Road Scholar at Home. Learn from expert instructors on a variety of topics each month. Upcoming lectures include insight into the art of Georgia O'Keefe, a look at the history and beauty of Greece and a presentation by a World War II historian honoring D-Day. Tap into their Age Well lectures for help navigating

the various areas of aging from the power of nature for our health to how to advocate for loved ones in the hospital.

Visit <https://www.roadscholar.org/collections/online-lectures-free/> to continue your journey as a lifelong learner today!

PUBLIC WORKS

A.C.E. PROGRAM UPDATE: KEEPING OUR ALLEYS CLEAN, CLEAR, AND SAFE

During August and September 2025, the Miami Shores Village completed the initial distribution of A.C.E. (Alleyway Cleanup Experience) flyers and report cards as part of a Village wide effort to inform, educate, and encourage self-compliance with local alleyway ordinances.

The A.C.E. Program focuses on improving alley conditions by addressing:

- Overgrown vegetation and illegal plantings within the public right-of-way
- Improper storage or maintenance of garbage containers and bulk waste
- Obstructions affecting alley roadways and water meters

Program Phases

The A.C.E. Program is structured into three phases:

Phase 1 – Education & Outreach (Completed)

This phase provided residents with an informational flyer and a completed report card identifying observed violations along the entire alleyway (not individual properties). The materials outlined applicable ordinances and provided guidance on how to achieve compliance. The report card also notified residents that the next phase would begin November 1, 2025.

Phase 2 – Compliance (Ongoing)

During this phase, A.C.E. Officials conduct property assessments. If violations are observed, a personalized report card, flyer, and a re-inspection date (one month from posting) are issued. Properties that remain out of compliance at re-inspection will move to Phase 3.

Phase 3 – Code Enforcement

Properties that fail in the re-inspection are referred to the Code Compliance Department, which will formally address violations on site.

Take Action Now

Phase 2 is currently underway, and some properties are beginning to progress into Phase 3. The Village strongly encourages residents to take initiative and self-comply now, before their properties are assessed by A.C.E. Officials.

Program Goal & Incentive

The goal of the A.C.E. Program is simple: to keep Miami Shores alleys clean, clear, and safe for everyone.

As a thank you for participation, properties that achieve compliance and pass inspection are eligible for FREE courtesy A.C.E. Special Pick-Up, which can be scheduled with priority upon approval.

The Village appreciates the community's cooperation and commitment to maintaining safe, accessible, and well-kept alleyways.

NAVIGATING THE FERTILIZER SEASON IN MIAMI-DADE



Mike Skofstad
Village Arborist

Fertilizing your residential property in Miami-Dade County can help keep your lawn and plants healthy — but timing and weather matter, both for your yard and for the environment. Miami-Dade has a countywide fertilizer ordinance designed to protect local waterways like Biscayne Bay from nutrient pollution caused by fertilizer runoff.

Under this ordinance, applying fertilizers that contain nitrogen or phosphorus is prohibited each year from May 15 through October 31 — a period that coincides with the rainy season when heavy downpours easily wash nutrients off lawns and into storm drains, canals, and coastal waters. During those months, the soil often can't absorb the fertilizer before rain washes it away, so skipping fertilization helps protect water quality and reduces harmful algal blooms.

Outside the summer blackout period (November 1–May 14), you can fertilize, but you should still follow best practices:

- Use fertilizer with at least 65 % slow-release nitrogen to reduce rapid nutrient release and runoff.
- Choose products without phosphorus, unless a soil test shows a deficiency.
- Keep fertilizer at least 20 feet away from storm drains and waterways to prevent direct contamination.

Always check the weather forecast before applying fertilizer. Heavy rain within a day or two of application can wash fertilizer off your lawn before plants can use it, wasting money and increasing the risk of pollution. Planning fertilization on dry days with clear weather helps your yard benefit most and keeps nutrients out of our sensitive waterways.

SAVE
THE
DATE

A RESILIENT EVERGLADES

Join Us for a Joint Presentation by
Miccosukee Business Council Secretary
"Popeye", William J. Osceola
& Executive Director, Eve Samples
Friends of the Everglades



WORKSHOP SERIES
#04

SATURDAY | MARCH 7 @10AM
03.07.2026
[HTTPS://RESILIENTEVERGLADES.EVENTBRITE.COM](https://resilienteverglades.eventbrite.com)

Community Partners:

Featured Speakers:



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Miami Shores, FL 33138

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Code Compliance: Mike Orta

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