

NEWSLETTER



NEW MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE AT MIAMI SHORES COUNTRY CLUB MAY 1, 2026

The Miami Shores Village Council is taking a significant step forward in shaping the future of the Miami Shores Country Club. After a long-term operating lease agreement, the current Miami Shores Country Club operators, Professional Course Management, will cease operations on April 30, 2026. Effective May 1, 2026, the current management structure at the Miami Shores Country Club will end, and the Village will begin under a Full-Service Management Contract with Kemper Sports Management, an experienced firm known for its focus on operational excellence, customer service, and innovative golf course management practices. This change is intended to enhance day-to-day operations, elevate the overall guest experience, and position the Club as a premier destination for both residents and visitors.

The Village extends its sincere appreciation to Professional Course Management for 30 years of dedicated service and stewardship of the Country Club, recognizing their long-standing commitment to maintaining and enhancing this valued community asset. Country Club Manager Alberto Pozzi was also honored at the April 21, 2026 Village Council meeting with a ceremonial plaque in recognition of his leadership, professionalism, and many years of service to the Club and its members. His contributions have played an important role in shaping the Club's operations and fostering a welcoming, high-quality experience for residents and guests alike.



PARKS MASTER PLAN PRESENTED TO VILLAGE COUNCIL



At the April 21, 2026 Village Council meeting, FRMWRK Planning & Design Group presented a draft of the Village's Parks Master Plan, outlining a comprehensive vision for the future of parks and recreational spaces over the next 10-15 years. The plan introduces a range of improvements aimed at enhancing quality of life, including a proposed indoor recreation center, upgrades and modernization of existing parks, and the creation of a connected network of shared-use pathways to improve accessibility, mobility, and community connectivity.

The draft reflects extensive planning and community input, with a focus on sustainability, inclusivity, and long-term resiliency. As the plan continues to evolve, resident feedback will remain an important part of the process. Residents are encouraged to view the full presentation and learn more about the proposed improvements by visiting the Village website: <https://www.msvparksmasterplan.org>

MIAMI SHORES VILLAGE BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Thank you for your interest in Miami Shores Village Boards and Committees.

Want to get involved in your community?

Apply to serve on a Village board/committee. Below is a list of upcoming vacancies. For more information regarding specific boards and committees, you may contact the Village Clerk's Office at rodriguezy@msvfl.gov.

Application Deadline:
WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2026 (BY 5PM)

TO APPLY, PLEASE SCAN OR VISIT:

https://miamishoresvillage.formstack.com/forms/2026_2027boardapplication



BOARDS WITH UPCOMING VACANCIES

ARTS & CULTURE BOARD (4 VACANCIES)
CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD (2 VACANCIES)
COUNTRY CLUB ADVISORY BOARD (3 VACANCIES)
DOCTORS CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD (3 VACANCIES)
EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD (2 VACANCIES)
HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD (2 VACANCIES)
LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES (1 VACANCY)
PERSONNEL APPEALS BOARD (3 VACANCIES)
PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD (3 VACANCIES)
POLICE RETIREMENT PENSION BOARD (1 VACANCY)
RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (4 VACANCIES)
SUSTAINABILITY & RESILIENCY COMMITTEE (4 VACANCIES)



Photo credit: Liangy Calli
Mayor Jerome Charles &
Mayor Daniella Levine Cava

GREEN DAY STREET FAIR

Miami Shores Village celebrated sustainability and community spirit at last month's Green Day Street Fair, a lively event that brought residents together for a day of environmental awareness and family-friendly fun. The event featured a variety of local vendors, eco-conscious exhibitors, and interactive booths focused on green living practices, conservation, and wellness.

The Green Day Street Fair highlighted the Village's ongoing commitment to sustainability and environmental stewardship while fostering a strong sense of community. The Village was also honored to welcome Daniella Levine Cava, whose attendance underscored the importance of environmental initiatives across the region. Miami Shores Village thanks all participants, vendors, and volunteers who helped make the event a success and looks forward to building on this momentum in future years.



2026 CITIZENS ACADEMY

Miami Shores Village successfully hosted its 2026 Citizens Academy last month, offering residents an engaging, behind-the-scenes look at how their local government operates. Over the course of the program, participants had the opportunity to meet Village staff, learn about essential services, and gain a deeper understanding of the departments that keep the community running—from police and public works to parks and administration.

Through interactive sessions attendees explored the day-to-day functions and long-term planning efforts that shape Miami Shores. The Academy also provided a valuable forum for residents to ask questions, share ideas, and build stronger connections with Village leadership. The Village extends its appreciation to all who participated in this year's program and looks forward to continuing this initiative in the future.



ASSISTANT PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR RETIRES

The Village recently celebrated the retirement of the Assistant Public Works Director, Frank Ruiz marking the end of a dedicated career of service to the community. Known for his steady leadership and commitment to keeping Village infrastructure running smoothly, he leaves behind a lasting legacy of hard work and professionalism. In true retirement style, he is now driving off into the sunset in his RV, ready to enjoy the next chapter of well-earned adventure and travel.

MAY EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

See online calendar at msvfl.gov.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Library Mandarin Storytime 10:30am	2 Constitution Park Fitness in the Park 9am Library Business Simplified Series 10am Library Senior Tech Connect 10:30am
3	4 Community Center Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting 6:30pm	5 Library Moca at the Library 4pm Village Hall Village Council Meeting 6:30pm	6 Library LIVE Puppet Show 4pm	7 Library Major Troy 3:30pm Village Hall Education Advisory Board Meeting 6pm Code Enforcement Board Meeting 6pm Library Matthew Sabatella Concert 6:30PM	8 Community Center FLHSMV DL Renewals 10am	9 Constitution Park Fitness in the Park 9am
10 	11	12 Library Moca at the Library 4pm Womens Health 6pm Community Center Arts & Culture Board Meeting 6:30pm	13 Library Library Board of Trustees Meeting 9am Village Hall Sustainability and Resiliency Committee 6:30pm	14 Library FROST Science Museum 4pm	15	16 Constitution Park Fitness in the Park 9am Tennis Courts Pickleball Tournament 9am Optimist Park Community Bike Ride 9am
17	18	19 Library Moca at the Library 4pm Village Hall Village Council Meeting 6:30pm	20 Village Hall Historic Preservation Board Meeting 6:30pm	21 Library Village Kids Book Club 4pm	22	23 Constitution Park Fitness in the Park 9am
24 MEMORIAL DAY Memorial Park Memorial Day Program 9am Village Offices are closed	25	26 Library Moca at the Library 4pm	27	28 Library S.T.E.A.M. Event 4pm Village Hall Planning & Zoning Board 6:30pm	29	30 Library Brigadiers History Club 10:30am
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"The Sustainability and Resiliency Committee invites residents to share their input on potential municipal composting options for our Village. Please scan the code below to complete a brief 2-minute survey — your voice matters!"



SUSTAINABILITY & RESILIENCY COMMITTEE

Composting Let's give our food scraps a second life.

The SRC is exploring municipal composting as a way to reduce food waste and strengthen our community's sustainability.

Nothing is decided yet. Tell us which composting program options would work best for your household — whether you're excited, curious, or unsure, your voice will light the path forward for our Village.

YOUR OPINION MATTERS
Scan to take a 2-minute survey on potential composting options



The Sustainability and Resiliency Committee of Miami Shores Village strives to develop a culture of sustainability, resiliency and environmental responsibility in Miami Shores Village through a partnership with all residents.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

"WALK WITH THE CHIEF" AND MSPD COMMAND STAFF

Chief David Golt invites you to take a walk with him and the MSPD Command Staff on Wednesday, May 13th, at 9:30 am.



This initiative aims to increase contact and open communication with the public and to promote wellness. The route will begin at the front doors of the police station (9990 NE 2 Ave), and proceed through the residential area to Starbucks, which has graciously and generously offered to provide light refreshments.

From there, the group will return through the side streets to the station. The walking route will be just under 1 mile.

Please RSVP via email to Allison.berkley@mspd.org. Additional parking is available on the south side of the police station building.

Come chat with the Chief and Staff while getting your steps in and some fresh air!

**In case of inclement weather conditions, please call the station at 305-759-2468 one hour prior.*

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

May is Mental Health Awareness Month, a time to recognize the importance of emotional well-being for individuals, families, and our community.



The Miami Shores Police Department encourages residents to check in on themselves and others. Stress, anxiety, and depression can affect anyone, and seeking help is a sign of strength— not weakness.

Simple actions—like listening without judgment, staying connected, and practicing self-care—can make a meaningful difference. If you or someone you know is struggling, don't hesitate to reach out to a trusted friend, professional, or crisis service.

988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline is a national 3-digit dialing code to connect people experiencing a mental health, substance use, or suicide crisis, as well as emotional distress, to trained crisis counselors via call, text, or chat. MSPD officers are committed to serving with compassion and understanding, especially when responding to mental health-related calls.

Our officers receive regular, specialized training in order to more effectively and safely assist those in crisis.

COMMUNITY BIKE RIDE

The Miami Shores Police Department invites residents of all ages to a Community Bike Ride on Saturday, May 16, 2026. Ride starts at Optimist Park. This family-friendly event promotes health, safety, and community connection, with a guided ride starting at 9:00 a.m. Participants are encouraged to bring their bicycles and wear helmets as they ride alongside officers and neighbors.

To pre-register, contact the Recreation Department at: 305-758-6701 or visit <https://webtrac.msvfl.gov/activity/number/153091>.

Please review the bicycle safety tips from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration at [NHTSA.gov](https://www.nhtsa.gov) before the ride.

Whether you're an experienced cyclist or just looking for a fun morning activity, this event is a great way to connect with your local police department and fellow residents.

COMMUNITY BIKE RIDE

RIDE. CONNECT. ENJOY.

WHEN: SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2026 | 9:00 AM START

WHERE: OPTIMIST PARK, NE 94 ST & 2 AVE

WHAT: A fun, free ride for all ages!

Bikes Only - NO rollerblades, skateboards, training wheels or electric bikes or scooters

To Register: Call 305-758-8103 OR <https://webtrac.msvfl.gov/activity/number/153091>

BICYCLE SAFETY

Pre-Ride Safety Check

Every time you ride your bike, do a quick A-B-C check and take a test ride to make sure your bike is working and its parts are in good shape. Riding an unsafe bicycle can lead to a crash and injuries. A safe ride starts with a safe bike – and a helmet.

And always wear a properly fitted helmet!

PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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

P&R APRIL RECAP



Egg Dive – April 3

The Egg Dive at the Miami Shores Aquatic Center made a big splash! Children ages 4 and under searched for eggs in the Wild Waters Aquatic Park, while participants ages 5 and up dove into the competition pool to retrieve eggs from the bottom. All collected eggs were exchanged for goody bags, creating a fun, festive, and memorable experience for everyone involved.



Marshmallow Drop – April 4

The Miami Shores Recreation Fields were filled with excitement on April 4 during our Annual Marshmallow Drop. Families arrived ready with baskets as thousands of marshmallows rained down from a helicopter, sparking a fun and energetic scramble. Children eagerly gathered marshmallows to trade in for bags of goodies. It was a joyful day full of laughter, community spirit, and sweet memories.

MEMORIAL DAY

May 25, 2026 | 9:00am | Memorial Park

We invite you to join us in remembering and honoring our fallen heroes at our Memorial Day Ceremony. Let us come together as a community to honor the courageous men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our nation.

PARKS & RECREATION SUMMER CAMP

Parks & Recreation is excited to announce that the Summer Camp Brochure for 2026 is available! Online registration is open. For more information Contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 305-758-8103

MIAMI ART LEAGUE – ADULT ART CLASSES

Adult Art Classes are now offered at the Miami Shores Community Center through the Miami Art League. Classes are available on Monday and Friday mornings.

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

BLUE DRAGON TAEKWON-DO AND KICKBOXING PROGRAM

Master Aaron Fruitstone and several members of Blue Dragon Taekwon-Do, our ITF Taekwon-Do and Kickboxing Program at the Community Center, traveled to Colorado Springs March 26-29 for the WAKO USA Kickboxing National Championships.

- Vittoria DiPietro placed 2nd in Light Contact and has secured a spot on the Junior USA Kickboxing Team.
- Mateo Nicolucci placed 1st in both Light Contact and KickLight. This is Mateo's 4th National Title in Light Contact and 2nd National Title in KickLight.
- Veronica Oro placed 1st in Light Contact. This is her first National Title in Kickboxing.
- Cristian Balboa also placed 1st in Light Contact. This is also his first National Title in Kickboxing.
- All 4 are members of the USA Taekwon-Do team.

If you would like information on our ITF Taekwon-Do and Kickboxing program,

Contact the Community Center at 305-758-8103



LIBRARY NEWS & EVENTS

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

UPCOMING LIBRARY EVENTS



Miami Shores Celebrates America 250 via Music

The year-long celebration continues at the Library with two very special music events:

On Thursday, May 7th at 6:30pm, Matthew Sabatella and The Rambling String Band will host *Ballad of America: 250 Years of American History in Song*. This live vocal and instrumental performance will include a 90-minute multimedia experience that includes music and images from Colonial America, the Revolution, Westward Expansion, the Abolitionist Movement, the Civil War, the Industrial Revolution, the Women's Rights Movement, the World Wars, the Great Depression, the Civil Rights Movement, and more! Don't miss it!

Plan ahead for Monday, June 1st at 6:30pm when Dr. Thomas Cimarusti, a Professor of Music History at FGCU will present *Pete Seeger: America's Tuning Fork*. Learn more about the famous folk artist who was both singer, songwriter, and social activist. Sing along to hits like, "Where Have All the Flowers Gone," "If I Had a Hammer," and "Turn, Turn, Turn." From songs of protest to songs that advocated for civil rights, Seeger firmly believed that music could make a difference in social reform. Join us!

Register online at:

<https://BalladofAmerica250.eventbrite.com> &
<https://America250FolkMusicEvent.eventbrite.com>
or call 305-758-8107.

Both events are free and open to older teens and adults.

KIDS PROGRAMS

TOOTH GRANNY MANDARIN STORYTIME

Friday, May 1 | 10:30am

MOCA AT THE LIBRARY

Tuesdays | 4pm

LIVE PUPPET SHOW

Wednesday, May 6 | 4pm

READ WITH MAJOR TROY

Thursday, May 7 | 3:30pm

FROST MUSEUM OF SCIENCE

Thursday, May 14 | 4pm

VILLAGE KIDS' BOOK CLUB

Thursday, May 21 | 10:30am

S.T.E.A.M. EVENT

Thursday, May 28 | 4pm

ADULT PROGRAMS

SENIOR TECH CONNECT

Saturday, May 2 | 10:30am

Apple Notes for Beginners Part 2

BUSINESS SIMPLIFIED SERIES

Saturday, May 2 | 10am

Sales Workshop

250 YEARS OF AMERICAN HISTORY IN SONG

Thursday, May 7 | 6:30pm

WOMENS HEALTH & BUSINESS SUCCESS

Tuesday, May 12 | 6pm

As part of Women's Health Month, panelists will share stories of health challenges, healing, and personal success."

Chamber Members \$25/Non Chamber Members \$30;

Register at miamishores.com.

MUSIC OF PETE SEEGER

Monday, June 1 | 6:30pm

PUBLIC WORKS



THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING TREE CANOPY

Tree canopy plays a vital role in shaping healthy, resilient communities. A tree canopy refers to the layer of leaves, branches, and stems that cover the ground when viewed from above. This natural infrastructure provides far more than aesthetic value—it directly impacts environmental quality, public health, and overall livability. One of the most important benefits of a strong tree canopy is temperature regulation. Trees provide shade and release moisture into the air, helping to reduce the urban heat island effect. This cooling effect lowers energy costs for homes and businesses while making outdoor spaces more comfortable for residents.

Tree canopies also improve air quality by absorbing pollutants such as carbon dioxide, nitrogen oxides, and particulate matter. In doing so, they contribute to cleaner air and reduce respiratory health risks, especially in densely populated areas.

In addition, trees play a crucial role in stormwater management. Their leaves and root systems absorb rainwater, reducing runoff and lowering the risk of flooding. This natural filtration system also helps protect local waterways from pollution.

Beyond environmental benefits, tree canopies strengthen community well-being. Green spaces encourage outdoor activity, reduce stress, and foster social interaction among neighbors. Studies have shown that neighborhoods with more tree coverage often experience higher property values and improved mental health outcomes.

Investing in and maintaining a healthy tree canopy is essential for sustainable community development. By protecting and expanding urban forests, communities can create safer, cooler, and more vibrant places to live for generations to come.

BOARD NEWS

HISTORIC HOUSE OF THE MONTH

The Historic Preservation Board's selection for Historic House of the Month for May 2026. This excellent example of early modernist architecture was built in 1948 for Charles Zint and designed by architect Frederick Sather. Sather began his career in Omaha before coming to Miami and working with major Florida architects like Igor Polevitzky, Marion Manley and Wahl Snyder. The house is a refined example of postwar transitional architecture in Miami Shores and with its striking architectural features such as the use of decorative stone and varied roofline, harkens to the emerging MiamiModern or MiMo style. Exhibiting a low horizontal profile and climate-responsive features such as shaded openings, the house reflects the evolution from traditional masonry homes toward the emerging Tropical Modern style that would define South Florida's mid-century architectural identity.

Drive by and admire this beautiful Mid-Century Modern Home at 78 NE 93rd Street



CODE COMPLIANCE

THE ROLE OF SWALES

In the Village of Miami Shores, swales serve both functional and aesthetic purposes, and their maintenance is a shared responsibility. Residents are permitted to temporarily park on the swale (while maintaining its porosity.) Any modifications or improvements require prior approval from the Public Works Department. This ensures that drainage, utilities, and community standards are protected.

Bare or exposed areas on swales are considered a violation of local maintenance requirements. These areas must be restored and covered with approved ground cover, such as grass or other permitted materials, to prevent erosion and maintain proper stormwater absorption. Keeping swales fully vegetated not only supports effective drainage but also preserves the visual appeal of the neighborhood. Residents are encouraged to maintain their swales regularly and seek guidance from Public Works before making any changes.

APRIL COUNCIL ACTION NOTES:

- Adopted an ordinance, amending Chapter 11 to update historic preservation regulations within the Village.
- Adopted an ordinance, establishing an enterprise fund for the Miami Shores Country Club.
- Deferred on second reading an ordinance requiring Planning and Zoning Board site plan approval and a master building permit prior to issuance of demolition permits, and providing for Historic Preservation Board review of properties listed on the Sites of Historic Significance Inventory to the May 5, 2026 Village Council Meeting.
- Adopted an ordinance, amending Chapter 11 to update regulations governing the Sustainability and Resiliency Committee.
- Approved a \$2,500 charitable donation agreement with Doctors Charter School of Miami Shores, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization.
- Approved a resolution, authorizing the establishment of bank accounts at TD Bank for Miami Shores Country Club operations, including separate accounts for revenues and expenditures, and establishing related payment methods and internal controls.



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