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The holidays are here...time for family gatherings, lots of shopping, eating, and all-around great fun. There are plenty of holiday events planned throughout the Tri-Village area, make sure you take in one of the many festivities!

On November 11 a Downtown destination event, the long-planned and long-awaited Plaza 98, was launched to great fanfare. There were lots of our neighbors and friends taking in a great evening of music, food, drinks, and kids' events with great weather to boot! *See the photos on page 15.*

The Plaza 98 project is a monthly event occurring on the second Saturday of every month, running through March, 2018. Saturday, December 9 at Plaza 98 is Family Movie Night. We will be featuring a holiday-themed movie for the whole family to enjoy and, once again, plenty

of food, drinks, and overall great holiday cheer!

As this year comes to a close, we thank the many members of the Chamber who, along with our great community of neighbors and friends, helped make this year a great success. A special thanks to the members of the Chamber's Green Day Committee for the most successful Green Day yet, and, to the members of the Chamber's Downtown Advisory Committee whose vision, enthusiasm, and creativity produced Plaza 98. And finally, to the Village of Miami Shores and its staff for their continuing support and partnership with the Chamber in our joint effort to make downtown Miami Shores a destination for families to enjoy.

We wish everyone a safe and memorable holiday season!



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DINGGIN is a Filipino choral group formed as a non-profit organization in 1996. Its unique mission is to promote cultural appreciation and spiritual enlightenment through music. It has a membership that is spread throughout the tri-county area of South Florida.

The group performs a variety of repertoire which includes acapella and accompanied music such as classical, religious, contemporary, Broadway and Filipino music. Visit Brockway on Thursday, December 21st at 7:00pm for a FREE holiday performance!

The Heidi Hewes Chapter of the Woman's Cancer Association of the University of Miami

is based in Miami Shores, and is dedicated to increasing wellness in the community through raising funds for cancer research, support, education, and service. The next meeting will be Wednesday, December 6th at 7:00pm. For more information, please email heidiheweswca@gmail.com.

Please join us on December 10, 2017 from 4pm - 8pm, when Heidi Hewes will host the 26th Annual Home for the Holidays Walk and Tour. Notable homes in Miami Shores are decorated

with all the charm of the holiday season. Guests will be treated to live entertainment, and this year, we will introduce a Holiday Market, featuring a curated mix of items perfect for holiday shopping and one-of-a-kind gifts. Tickets are \$35 and available at www.wcaofum.org

Heidi Hewes is collecting donations for the Bargain Box. Located at 1350 West Flagler, the Bargain Box is a resale thrift shop open 6-days a week offering outstanding values to the community while profiting the Woman's Cancer Association of the University of Miami. Everyone is invited to shop at the Bargain Box and to make tax-deductible donations of items they can no longer use - gently worn clothing, home furnishings, linens, glassware, accessories, art work, luggage, jewelry, etc. Please visit the WCA Thrift store, open Monday-Saturday, 10:00am to 5:00pm.

Please call Jackie Butler at 305-633-8068, ext 107 or Bill Tenney at 305-308-4639 for questions and FREE pick up. Heidi Hewes thanks donors Carol Francisco, Will and Nicole Gearin, Gail Presson, and Libertad Beraza.

North Bay Village has just acquired two new garbage trucks and one new

trash truck. Not to have the Solid Waste fleet go un-noticed, the Village has wrapped its new equipment with a nautical theme of blue waters reflective of the bay that surrounds the Village as well as a compass always pointing 'North' and a few palm trees gently swaying in the breeze!

The Village of Miami Shores

Annual **Caroling Hayride and Light up the Village** will be held Wednesday, December 20th, 6:30pm - 9:00pm. Luminary bags can be purchased from the Community Center to light up your front lawn. Hayride carolers will visit your home between 6:30pm - 9pm \$8.00. Carolers can call (305) 758-8103 or stop by the Community Center by December 16th to sign-up for Hayride Caroling. Sign-up early. Space is limited. Bring a flashlight. Music books provided. Fun for the whole family. FREE.

Jingle Bell Dog Walk, a Miami Shores Community Meet Up, will take place Saturday, December 9th at 9am in Constitution Park. 9825 Park Drive. Join your neighbors for a FREE community dog walk around the recreation complex. Fun, holiday bandanas will be distributed for the dogs and jingle bell necklaces will be given to the dog walkers, while supplies last. Refreshments will be provided.

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Holiday Fashion Show Luncheon. The Miami Shores Friendly Villagers would like to extend an invitation to the local residents to join their luncheon fashion show. If you have not attended a meeting this is a great time for you to enjoy lunch at the Miami Shores Country Club, and what women doesn't love a fashion show? There will be opportunities for attendees to bid on a range of items. Get ahead of the holiday shopping. Monies collected will go to support local charities. For reservations contact Carol Newport 305-895-2669 **December 5th 11:00am.**

The Kiwanis Club of Northeast Miami-Dade

resulted from the merger of North Miami Beach and Sunny Isles Beach Club, chartered 12-11-57, and the Miami Shores and North Miami Club chartered 6-12-46. This club now

sponsors 15 school-based clubs in the area of 79th Street on the south, I-95 on the west, Broward County Line on the north and the area on the west. These school-based Kiwanis sponsored clubs have a positive impact on the behavior and character of around 600 students in the combined area. We have a 501C3 charitable Kiwanis Foundation. Anyone interested in starting a new school-based club or any other charitable project, please call Sam Michels at 305-757-5599 of the Kiwanis Club Northeast Miami-Dade.

The Miami Art League is a unique local studio for Artists and Aspiring Artists looking for an intimate setting in which to do creative visual arts - with or without instruction. The Miami Shores storefront is an inspiring open space offering Life Drawing several times per week, Drawing and Painting Class Instruction

several times per week and Open Studio twice per week for Members of the 501C3 educational organization.

Artists are available in the Studio each day between 10am and 1pm Monday through Saturday. This is your opportunity to stop by to view the studio or try a class!

More classes may be added for weekend and evening times, so let them know if you are interested!

You can follow the activities of this Miami Shores Art Studio on FB at Miami Art League, check on the web at www.MiamiArtLeague.com or leave a message for them at 305-757-3161 or MiamiArtLeague@aol.com and an Artist will get back to you with more information. The Miami Art League is conveniently located at 9709 NE 2nd Avenue just steps away from the Chamber office.

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Questions Abound:

- **What is it?**
- **Is there something hidden in it?**
- **What was the artist thinking?**

All are valid!

Contemporary Art doesn't need to look like anything recognizable, a tree, house or person, but rather is an impression and expression of the artist's mood at the moment. They do have signature styles, whether a combination of colors, exaggerated lines, symmetry or not.

When I approach a piece, I try to focus on what I like about the work, not what's wrong with it.

Your kindergartener could not have balanced the colors, textures or graphics, although many gallery and museum patrons think they could.

Susan Kelley, a Miami Shores Resident and Art Dealer (1stdibs.com), suggests you "approach each piece with an open mind, your impression is the right one for you, and the more you experience, you'll identify your own personal appreciation." All art is subjective, contemporary art may be the epitome.

There's a freedom, an abstract release from the dogmatic in contemporary art. It can startle or calm, with a dash of excitement. There's not a test to take, and you don't have to like it all, but if you are willing to look you will find something to like.

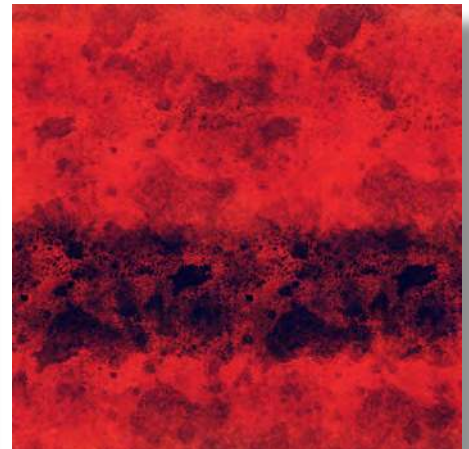
It's not all 2-dimensional paintings and drawings, but includes sculptures, wall hangings and graphic design. In recent years, art has become more accessible. The pricing has moderated and there are more open shows, art fairs and museums encouraging family's attendance.

Performance art is also included, when an artist claims a space and acts their part, creating an artistic expression. Miami Theatre Center presented Fernando Calzadilla in his 'Duologue', as he reclined on a platform stage, a personification of a painting.

Videos are also a contemporary expression, bringing to motion the artist's commentary. Most are interesting, many thought provoking, some are political statements. All



Below, Karen Rifas, Emerson Dorsch Gallery



Artist Sebastian Spreng, Susan Kelley Artist Representative

are entertaining.

With the emergence of LED lighting, many artists are brightening our landscapes, both inside and out, with color. An award-winning, wonderful example is the Miami Line along the metro-mover's tracks spanning the river's expanse. The 41st street, Miami Beach causeway has what I call "necklaces" lit on palm trees, a surprising and fanciful addition to our night-time, city-scape.



Below, Rockne Krebs, 'Line', Miami-Dade County Art in Public Places Collection, Miami River Metrorail Bridge, Image: Lucas Lechuga.

The illustrations included with this article are all from Greater Miami. Sebastian Spreng, Robert Chambers, Karen Rifas and Rockne Krebs, Miami Line, 1984.

In conclusion, you really don't have to like contemporary art, it's not for everyone.

But those of us that do, can share our own interpretations and feelings about what we like about it.

Piet Mondrian is one of my favorites, graphic design contemporary artists. Marc Rothko another.

Both are geometrically inspired. But, that's just me.



Below, Artist Robert Chambers, Emerson Dorsch Gallery

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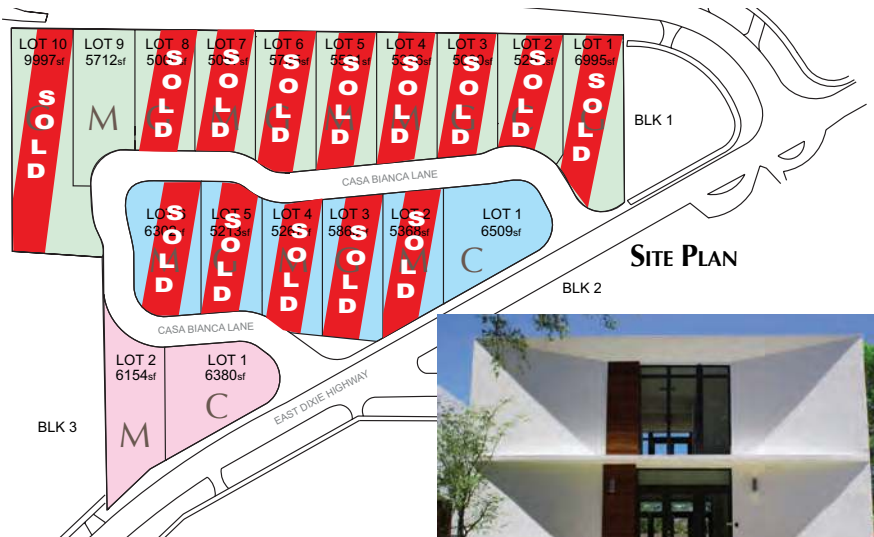
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The Cushman School

Cushman's Accreditation

Results Professionals from four premier regional accrediting associations, the Southern Association of Independent Schools, the Florida Council of Independent Schools, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and the Florida Kindergarten Council, visited The Cushman School this past October for a 2 ½ day accreditation process. The team assessed how well Cushman fulfills its mission and its founder's/Dr. Laura Cushman's philosophy, as well as reviewed the various functional areas of the school. Cushman received the highest possible ranking and was awarded full accreditation from all four agencies, which is a tremendous honor. Among the many commendations, The Cushman School was praised for its unique culture, always placing the students first, and its ability to provide exceptional age-appropriate academics in all divisions from nursery through high school.

Doctors Charter School of Miami Shores.

As we head into the holidays, DCS has celebrated Gratitude and Generosity through the Core Essential Values program. In addition, Rachel's Challenge will be back on campus for year two programming focused on middle school students. Our high school FOR Club is taking the lead to support kindness and compassion campus-wide.

Seventy-six (76) fall sports athletes

were honored with an awards program. Coaches from Cross Country, Volleyball and Swimming celebrated the accomplishments of these scholar athletes. Thanks to the Hawks Booster Club for making this a great evening. Congratulations to all.

DCS has launched a Technology Campaign to increase funding to support technology and participated in Give Miami Day 2017 on November 16th. We thank everyone who donated to support our college prep school.

Our next campaign began on November 28th with #Giving Tuesday. #GivingTuesday is a global giving movement that has been built by individuals, families, organizations, businesses and communities in all 50 states and in countries around the world. It is not too late, as we will take donations through December 22nd at <http://www.doctorscharterschool.org>. Hit the link and make a donation today! Americans spend about \$5 on coffee a day. Consider giving up your cup to fund access to technology education at DCS instead! Your donation is tax deductible. **We are #DCSHawks!**

Miami Shores Community Church School is excited and ready for this Holiday season! They have already begun celebrating with their annual Thanksgiving Feast, which included a delicious catered meal for MSCCS students. Students also have the opportunity to shop for gifts for their loved ones during the MSCCS Christmas Store. Finally,

MSCCS students will put on fabulous performances to get us all in a joyful mood. The preschool students will get everyone in the Christmas spirit with MSCCS's Breakfast with Santa Program on Thursday, December 14th. On December 21st, elementary students will put on a hilarious play for the Miami Shores Community, entitled "The Trial of Santa".

Miami Shores Community Church School will close for Holiday Break from Monday, December 25th to Friday, January 5th. If you are interested in more information about MSCCS, visit their website at MiamiShoresCommunityChurchSchool.org. Happy Holidays!

Miami Shores Elementary School fifth graders participated at University of Miami SECME Mousetrap car workshop and FPL Generator Build seminar. MSES students will be participating at several SECME events to help promote engineering and science. SECME is a strategic alliance of schools, universities, industry and government to motivate and mentor K-12 students to learn and achieve at higher levels. A huge thank you to Mrs. Billie Carpenter and Mrs. Deborah G. Hesler for providing these opportunities to MSES students. MSES is proud of the curiosity and excitement demonstrated by all participants and fortunate to have such dedicated educators. MSES continues to foster activities that help strengthen engineering and computer science disciplines. MSES Teachers believe the best way to teach



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science is to expose children to it. Congratulations to Camila Thomas, Issabelle Desjardins, Christiane Berthin, Sienna Corredor, Jada Cox, Reahana Joseph, Sabellah D’Haiti, Zi-Qin Lam, Michael Charlot, Stan Dubernard and Rayan Guelida.

Miami Shores Presbyterian Church School Thanks to a grant awarded by Slow Food Miami, Miami Shores Presbyterian Church School (MSPCS) received two edible garden beds for their Outdoor Learning Environment (OLE). Their two PK3 classes planted and will be maintaining the gardens. When you get children gardening, you get them learning. There are many different ways that preschoolers can learn in the garden. The teachers at MSPCS explore gross and fine motor activities with the children, and the children are enriched through sensory experiences in the garden. The MSPCS OLE is an ideal classroom for combining all ways of learning, connecting kids to nature and creating a magical place for preschoolers to learn and grow. www.mspscs.net/2017/11/08/gardening-kids-ole.

To learn more about starting your own edible garden, contact Dylan Terry at Ready-to-Grow Gardens, www.ready-to-grow.com.

Learn more about the OLE and preschool on the MSPCS blog: www.mspscs.net/blog

St. Rose of Lima

Congratulations to the St. Rose of Lima Middle School students for an outstanding performance at the Monsignor Edward Pace High School Middle School Academic Competition. The middle school students participated in many subject areas and brought home the first place trophy for the large school division. The success of these students is a direct reflection of the hard work and unwavering dedication to excellence of the teachers at SRL.

The St. Rose of Lima girls varsity volleyball team just finished an amazing season. The team coached by Ann Marie Indorf made their way to the

championship game of the 2A division in the All Catholic Conference. After a very close match the girls came in 2nd place losing by only two points in the 3rd set. Congratulations girls!

St. Rose of Lima Girl Scout Troop 800 worked very hard to collect nonperishable items for the SRL annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. Troop 800 with the help of the SRL community collected hundreds of items and monetary donations for which needy families were able to purchase a turkey for their Thanksgiving dinner. The

Thanksgiving Food Drive directly benefits families within the greater Miami Shores area.

SAVE THE DATE – The 64th Annual St. Rose of Lima Carnival will take place January 26, 27, 28, 2018. Discounted ride tickets and weekend ride wristbands will be available for purchase prior to the Christmas holiday. If you are interested in getting involved or would like additional information please contact the church office at 305-758-0539 for more details.



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After almost a year of planning (and almost a week of painting) Plaza 98 is complete! At the launch party, on 11/11/17, adults and children of all ages enjoyed food and libations from local businesses, including Enchanting Creations, Lucio's Coffee to Wine, The Miami Shores Country Club, and Mima's Kitchen. The Artsy Hive's pottery painting station was packed, and local band Hoy Polloy put on a performance that kept the crowd moving all night!



The Greater Miami Shores Chamber of Commerce would like to thank the Downtown Advisory Committee, The Hoy Polloy, the Miami-Dade Transportation Quick build Team, the Miami Realtors, the Miami Shores Community Alliance, the Village of Miami Shores, and all the residents who volunteered and came out to celebrate with us.



Next month at Plaza 98 is Family Movie Night on Saturday December 9, from 5-9pm. Local businesses will serve food and drinks, all you need to do is grab your lawn chairs and join us as we enjoy a movie under the stars!





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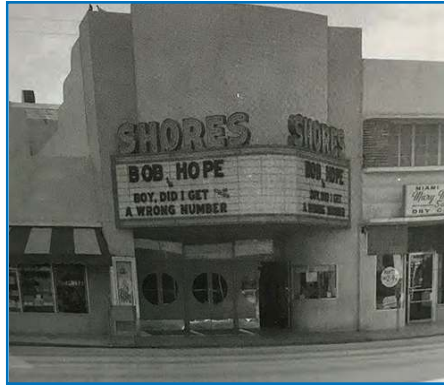
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QUESTION HISTORY CORNER

Each month we feature a question or a photograph from our Archives.

This month we ask: Can you identify the business to the left of the Theater in this 1966 picture?



Think you know? Send your entry to: chamberinfo@miamishores.com.

A winner will be randomly selected from all correct entries and will receive a free orthodontic consultation and electric toothbrush from Little Stars Dentistry Miami Shores.

Last month Jade Sluyter correctly identified all 5 council member photos and won a free consultation with Singer Medical Center.

PAWS, CLAWS & JAWS!



This adorable puppy is Atom and he lives in El Portal with his proud human parents Jason Velez & Jeffrey Schwartz.

Each month we publish photos of family pets. If you would like your pet featured please send in a photo, the pet's name, the name of the pet's family, and town of residence to "Pet of the Month" care of mgerstel@miamishores.com.

LAST WORD

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