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Jonathan Meltz, President, Greater Miami Shores Chamber of Commerce



Giving Thanks for Community

Although many times the arrival of Autumn and Thanksgiving doesn't seem so different a time for us here in South Florida, because the weather is still so warm, we all know that not only are cooler, gorgeous days ahead of us, but an abundance of social events!

The Miami Shores Community Alliance kicked it off in October with Margarita Village, followed by Green Day Street Fair and Miami Country Day's Walk for a Cure. This month starts off with a bang at November 5th's Unity Ball, and continues with November 12th's Miami Shores Presbyterian Church School's Art Fair. There are too many holiday events and community celebrations in December to even begin to list here, but a very special one this year is December 11th's Heidi Hewes Holiday Open House Tour, celebrating its' 25th anniversary as one of our community's most beloved holiday events. The calendar is full as the year changes and right through to March 24th's Evening in the Courtyard to benefit Doctors Charter School. This is definitely our community's busy season for fun- and fund-raising events!

But the real purpose of these activities is more important than bringing us all together and having a glass of wine and some good food. At this time of year, we all give thanks for family, friends, health, and happiness. But we also are grateful for the wealth of cherished community institutions that these events benefit. And I, for one, am most thankful for the incredible community leaders who make these events happen as well as those who write the checks in support of them. I wish I had room to mention so many of the names here, but you know who you are.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Miami Shores Friendly Villagers invites women in the community to join them for their next luncheon Tuesday, November 1st, 2016, 11:30 a.m. at the Miami Shores Country Club. \$24 includes your lunch and their guest program: the Humane Society of Greater Miami. RSVP please. For reservations, please call Denise 305-754-9980.

Ferraro's Kitchen has opened on NE 79th Street just before the first bridge to North Bay Village. Helmed by Venetian chef Igor Ferraro, a native of Venice, who grew up in the world of wine and authentic Italian cuisine. After founding a cooking school and gastropub in Rome, the chef left Italy for Miami, where he brought his experience to Coconut Grove, before opening his namesake restaurant, Ferraro's Kitchen. Today, he serves his regional recipes to the MiMo District's most discerning diners, making all his pastas on the premises with fresh, local ingredients. From lasagna Bolognese and pear gnocchi to braised veal cheeks and baked branzino, his dishes take guests on a journey through Italy's most famous flavors.

Drawing from his experience as a sommelier, Ferraro also offers wine tasting

courses, during which guests can sample and learn about a variety of reds and whites. Those passionate about Italian cuisine can enjoy interactive cooking classes, which teach recipes for appetizers, pastas and desserts and include a meal at the end—complete with a glass of wine!

The Heidi Hewes Chapter of the Woman's Cancer Association of the University of Miami, based in Miami Shores, is dedicated to increasing wellness in the community through raising funds for cancer research, support, education, and service. Their next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 2nd at 7pm. For more information, please email heidiheweswca@gmail.com.

On December 11th, Heidi Hewes hosts its' 25th annual Home for the Holidays Walk & Tour with a Grand Celebration on Grand Concourse. Join them for their Silver Anniversary featuring the sparkling holiday decor of five gorgeous Miami Shores homes and a wine and food tent with live music by the Miami Country Day School Ensemble. Over the past quarter century, friends and neighbors have opened their hearts and homes to Heidi Hewes, and through these efforts over a quarter of a million dollars has gone

towards the fight against cancer at the UM Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center. To purchase tickets, visit holidaywalk2016.bpt.me or www.wcaofum.org.

Heidi Hewes is collecting donations for the Bargain Box, its resale thrift shop that benefits the Woman's Cancer Association of the University of Miami. Located at 1350 West Flagler, the Bargain Box is open Monday - Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tax-deductible donations are accepted—gently worn clothing, home furnishings, linens, glassware, accessories, art work, luggage, jewelry, etc. 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 recent donors Hyon O'Brien, Leah Levy, Gail Presson, Cristina Butler, Dawn Huckestein, and the estate of Rosella "Bobbie" Galla.

The Miami Shores Woman's Club will honor past presidents and current officers at the Tuesday, November 8 meeting 11:00 a.m. at the Miami Shores Country Club. This will be a patriotic meeting and please wear red, white and blue. since This is election day. Be sure and cast your vote! Entertainment will be by the internationally famous singer Louis Villiano. Luncheon is \$24 and reservations must be made by Friday, November 4. Please call Helen Mendel at 305-757-7661.

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Raquel V. Reyes, Senior Columnist



LOCAL CANINES GIVE “TWO PAWS UP” TO NEW DOG PARK!

Miami Shores is getting a dog park. It will be in the triangular shaped green space on the Aquatic Center’s grounds. A petition was started in March of 2016 by Elizabeth Cowen, but desires for a canine companion park had been vocalized as far back as 2005. It took the combination of activated citizenship and a willing council to get it on the docket. The matter went before council in May and was swiftly approved. Work began in mid-September with the removal of the Brito beach ball sculpture and the analysis of the site’s drainage. The entire construction is expected to take about four months to complete.

This sounds like a wonderful addition to the Miami Shores park system. For a village of 10,000 residents, we have approximately 2,500 canine pets. It was only recently (2014) that we got ‘mutt mitts’ dispensers installed in highly frequent areas such as the library and the areas around the recreation center. So, getting a dog park passed and started within less than eight months is impressive. The residents should be applauding the swiftness of our village council. How often do things happen that quickly in government?

The adage that one size does not fit all is appropriate here. Not everyone is satisfied with the size and location of the park. The parcel is about one third of an acre. The American Kennel Club recommends at least one full acre but the average, from my research, is about half an acre. So, yes, ours will be on the small side. There will be separate areas for small dogs (>thirty pounds) and large dogs (<thirty pounds). A six-foot fence with a double gate system

will be installed. Park benches, doggie water fountains, covered picnic tables, recycle bins, garbage bins, and dog waste bins are all in the works as well.

The main complaint is about the location. Read the budget hearing and council minutes from September 20th. They are available on the village website. Biscayne Boulevard is a busy thoroughfare and parking for Shipwreck Cove can get chaotic on a packed, sunny, summer day. The location is not up for discussion. The site has been chosen and the residents will have to live with it. But the parking concern can be handled. In a memorandum from our Village Manager, Tom Benton, to our Village Council dated September 14th the issue of parking is addressed. Additional spaces can be constructed (north side of the aquatic center), but action will not be taken until the need presents itself. The noise from the boulevard is another issue entirely. One that is being hotly debated by residents on various social media platforms like Facebook and Nextdoor. Is there a need for a sound barrier wall to be built? Has that been considered in the budget? Would trees be a more efficient and visually pleasing buffer? The plans for the park call for six shade trees. Will that be enough?

The estimated budget for the dog park is \$181,314.00. That includes the relocation of the Brito sculpture, concrete pads, new sod, signage, and the card reader entry system. The total cost is expected to be lower as all items listed are in round figures and estimates only. The budget is available for all who ask to see it. Just stop by or call the Village Hall. One might ask,

why the need for a pass-key gate? If you frequent the pool or participate in community center classes, you probably already have one of the magnetic strip ID cards. They are free to all Shores residents. One needs only apply for one. Safety for you and your canine pals is the main reason for the card reader entry. But there might be other benefits, too, like tracking usage. If the park has a high volume of patrons, will an additional park be considered? One that is more pedestrian friendly?



Do you know an area resident that needs to be recognized for their community contributions? Have a column idea? Please email rreyes@miamishores.com.

Raquel Reyes is a writer living in Miami Shores. Check out www.rvreyes.com for more information about her.



GREATER MIAMI SHORES SCHOOLS REPORT

The Greater Miami Shores Chamber of Commerce welcomes submissions for this column by all schools that are members of the Chamber, whether public or private. To find out about submitting information on behalf of your favorite school, please contact Jesse Walters at the Chamber at 305-754-5466.



Sponsored by grants from the **Miami Shores Community Alliance** and **Unite Miami Shores, Barry University** and the **Community Learning Partnership (CLP)** offered a new event to create awareness about the realities of poverty and shift perceptions about individuals trapped in the system. The Poverty Simulation, offered at universities across the country, is designed to help participants understand what it is like to live in a typical low-income family and the overwhelming demands of everyday life. Over 100 CLP students participated from **The Cushman School, Doctors Charter School, Horace Mann Middle School** and **Miami Country Day School**. Barry students served as volunteers to hosts booths related to community resources such as food stamps, transportation, employment, health care, child care and housing. Upon arriving, students were asked to role play a typical scenario as a parent or child in “families”

of poverty and the issues they face on a daily basis.

The Poverty Simulation supports efforts from the Community Learning Partnership to create awareness about social justice issues related directly to youth. About 15 million children in the U.S.-21% of all children, live in families with incomes below the federal poverty threshold, which is approximately \$24,000 for a family of a 4.

Feedback from students and teachers who participated in the event was very positive. A social studies teacher from Miami Country Day School shared: *“I’ve always thought of myself – at least in recent years – as someone who possesses empathy, and who lives my life with understanding of and respect for those not like me. This experience, however, showed me that while I have indeed attempted empathy, I wasn’t even close to being equipped to place myself in the shoes of those who live each day just trying to*

get by. This event was not only a paradigm-shifting experience for me professionally (it will impact the way I teach government), but it also challenged my political views and my personal relationships. I need to spend some time reflecting, for sure, but I am eager to explore some of these issues further.”

A Barry University student shared: *“My character was a 17 year old male who got a 16 year old girl pregnant and my mom was a single mom trying to make it and I didn’t have money so the quickest way I could do it was to drop out of school. I thought about applying for a job, but realized I needed quick money so I sold drugs, got arrested twice but again my whole mindset was to get quick money, so I can help my mom and also help my girlfriend that was pregnant. It was eye opening, I loved it and this shows you can’t judge people if you don’t know what they are going through at home and judging should be the last thing that anyone should do so—lesson learned!”*

The **Miami Shores Elementary PTA** is hosting its annual Family Fun Run/Walk on Saturday, November 19th from 9am-12pm. This exciting event is open to the entire community. Entry for the Run/Walk is \$15 for adults, and \$10 for children ages 3-15. The fun-filled day will include an obstacle course, games, a live DJ, an inflatable slide, face painting, an art project, pie tossing, and refreshments. To purchase tickets, please visit the MSES PTA website at www.mses.my-pta.org, or email PTA president, Alejandra Thomas, at aleshorespta@gmail.com.



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AROUND THE VILLAGES

GREENWAY BIKE PATHS



Many streets around Miami Shores have recently been designated as bike pathways with new directional signage —making it safer than ever to explore the neighborhood on two wheels!

STUART SHELDON EXHIBIT OPENING AT BROCKWAY LIBRARY



(Left photo) Artist Stuart Sheldon recently unveiled his “The Best Books Ever Written” at an opening reception at Miami Shores Brockway Library. (Right photo) Miami Shores Village staff member Jerry Pierre assisted The Bourne Team, Robert Bourne, and Chip Shepard at the ever-popular wine bar. The exhibit runs through the end of November during normal library hours.

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Founded in 1975, Kathy Dzwonkiewicz is the group's new incoming President. There have been twenty-three Presidents in the group's existence. There are currently approximately sixty-five members including eight time President Virginia Taylor, Miami Shores Mayor Alice Burch, and Miami Shores Councilwoman Ivonne Ledesma.

The group is dedicated to having fun, doing good in the community, and they open meetings in song! For more information on the group, please call President Kathy at 786-236-6481. The Chamber of Commerce congratulates them on achieving forty years plus together and wishes them well for 2017!

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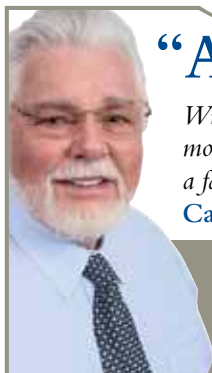
The Woman's Club's 67th Gala Christmas Ball will be held on Thursday, 12/1 at the Country Club beginning with cocktails at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$65/person and include appetizers, glass of wine, beef tenderloin or salmon dinner. Music for your dining and dancing pleasure, back by popular demand, the Silver Wings. Come and get into the Christmas spirit early. Call President Pat Cocchi at 305-754-0258 for tickets.

Brockway Memorial Library announces that Dr. Robert Gaston returns with his highly popular series: "Introduction to Meditation and Oriental Medicine" every Monday in November from 6-7:30 p.m. Call 305-758-8107 to register. Also, a new film series launches with film critic and professor Dan Hudak from *Hudak on Hollywood*. Clips from classic films are used to discuss how and why movies are so memorable. Sessions 1 & 2: 11/3 & 10 from 6 - 7:30 p.m. — *Game Changers: The 5 Movies That Changed the Film Industry Forever*; and *You Ain't Heard Nothin' Yet: Film Sound*, which covers the importance of everything we hear on screen. Sessions 3 & 4: 12/1 & 15 from 6 - 7:30 p.m., focus on cinematography and editing, with the remaining three sessions covering fancy movie tricks (slow motion, etc.), small things that can make a huge difference (lighting, character names, etc.), and in February, a look at the current Best Picture Oscar nominees and who's likely to come out the winner. Registration required. Cost per participant/per session: \$5; \$35 for the series. Call 305-758-8107 for more information. Space is limited.

Brockway Library cardholders may now access over 4,000 free eBooks, e-Audios and videos using the new eBook platform, Overdrive. Visit <https://sefl-municipal.overdrive.com> to get started. Free instructional workshops at the Library: Mon., 11/14, 6-8 p.m.; Fri., 11/18, 10 a.m. - Noon; or Sat., 11/19, from 10 a.m. - Noon. Bring your devices!

Estate planning attorney Barbara Buxton will talk about Medicaid planning and Elder Law issues. Many people are concerned about qualifying for Medicaid to cover long term care expenses. David Treece will also discuss long term care insurance and various types of long term care alternatives. Your questions will be answered! Tuesday, 11/15 at 6:00 p.m. Register at 305-751-8855 or www.treecefinancialgroup.com and click on the "Events" tab.

Local author Susanne Sir is back with a new mystery: *Murder in the Shores: We Clean Up!* Join her on Thursday, 11/17 at 6:30 p.m. as she reads excerpts detailing main character Inga's exciting new adventures. Copies will be available for purchase. Light refreshments.



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- 711 NE 118th Street..... \$460,000
- 11149 NE 8th Avenue \$460,000
- 11930 NE 11th Court \$378,000

El Portal:

- 388 NE 87th Street..... \$395,000
- 234 NW 86th Street..... \$395,000
- 10 NE 86th Street..... \$350,000

Miami Shores:

- 90 NE 96th Street..... \$600,000

- 373 NE 101st Street \$528,000
- 925 NE 95th Street..... \$517,000
- 425 NE 93rd Street..... \$515,000
- 467 NE 100th Street..... \$506,000
- 825 NE 89th Street..... \$480,000

North Bay Village:

- 1365 Bay Terrace \$3,067,000
- 7821 Coquina Drive \$460,000
- 1625 Kennedy Causeway, #1005B \$350,000
- 7928 East Drive, #701 \$320,000
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Each month we highlight a photo of an area resident's pet—dog, cat, bird, or hamster—send them in! We just need the photo, the pet's name, and the name of the pet's family and town. Email it to "Pet of the Month" at jessewalters@miamishores.com.

Meet Scooch —November's pet of the month. She lives with the Allyn & Sheri Cote family of Biscayne Park. She was partially feral, had been trapped, spayed and released. They slowly socialized her. Now she doesn't want to leave the air conditioning and, is so grateful to have a home!



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Each month, we feature a question or a photograph here from our Archives. The randomly drawn winner receives a \$25 gift certificate to an area Chamber member restaurant or retail establishment. The winner is drawn on the 15th of the month.

Last month, we featured a stunning photograph of the long gone Biscayne Kennel Club, courtesy of HistoryMiami and Barry University. We asked what now occupies this general area? We accepted as correct answers all who said either Doctors Charter School or Barry University.

Our randomly drawn winner is Julie Brady of Miami Shores who wins a \$25 gift certificate to Enchanting Creations at 11052 Biscayne Boulevard.

This month we feature this photo of a past "Taste of the Shores". This was a precursor of sorts to Green Day, and was held on Grand Concourse. Who were the two community icons who once co-chaired this annual event?

Think you know the answer? E-mail jessewalters@miamishores.com or call 305-754-5466. Please be sure to tell us your name and phone number in case you are the winner!

LAST WORD “”

Quote of the Month:

"The urge to perform is no indication of talent."

Garrison Keillor

To Wit:

You don't really know your car until you know how far it can go after the gas gauge needle passes empty.

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