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Jonathan Meltz, President, Greater Miami Shores Chamber of Commerce



Cheers! The Glass is Nearly Full!

This month we celebrate the achievement of a true milestone. The Chamber surveys the downtown storefront and office inventory to determine occupancy levels, and this month we hit the 90% mark!

I know sometimes it doesn't look that way, as some of our businesses don't have signage or use their front doors, but I assure you that it is accurate. Several more spaces are rented but not yet remodeled and opened. And the offices on the upper floors are very close to full.

I point this out for two reasons. First, many of us remember the bad old days, back in 2008-2010, when the double whammy of the Great Recession and the construction along Second Avenue for a new streetscape reduced our occupied business real estate to below 50%.

Now, we have a much more interesting problem. There are just six remaining storefronts at street level suitable for restaurants (please call the Chamber to inquire about any of them!). And by *Egret* press deadline that may be down to five. As our downtown water and sewer project wraps up this summer, time is running out to snap up a great lease in a great town. I'm hoping to have a burger and a beer real soon in one of these amazing spaces. Will you be the person to open our next restaurant?

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Miami Shores Woman's Club 68th installation of officers took place Tuesday, May 10th in a beautiful patriotic setting at the Country Club. Officers were installed by Virginia Taylor as follows: Pat Cocchi was re-elected for her 12th term as President; Mary Tanguay, First Vice President; Kathy Dzonkiewicz, Second Vice President; Marina Cacici, Recording Secretary; Carol Francisco, Corresponding Secretary; Carolanne Cocchi, Treasurer; Directors, Helen Mendel, Linda Cabassa, Kathy Martin and Louise Poo; Advisor, Virginia Taylor.

The annual fashion show fundraiser "Moon Over Miami" raised \$3,110. Donations to the following charities and programs will be made: Miami Shores Community Center, Brockway Memorial Library, North Miami Senior Citizens Foundation, Pass It On Ministries, Sylvester Cancer Center, My Animals Rock, Saving Sage, Miami Theater Center, Pelican Harbor Seabird Station, Unite Miami Shores Ball Fund, Miami Shores Community Alliance Brunch, Community Alliance Ball and Vitas Hospice.

The families and friends of the **St. Rose of Lima Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary** are hosting a celebration thanking them for 35 years of dedication to the Catholic mission in our community on Saturday, June 4th from 6:00 to 11:00 p.m. for a Mix & Mingle (Cash Bar) followed by Dinner, Dancing and Reminiscing at the Miami Shores Country Club.

All sisters who have served at St. Rose of Lima over the years have been invited to take part in this celebration. Join their former Sisters Margaret Gradl, Rita Murphy, Nancy Kindelan, Jude O'Donnell, Virginia Sirocco, Helen Gilroy, Mary Ellen Tennity and Patricia McDermott and current Sisters Bernadette Keanne, Osue Chaputa, Mary Rita Logue, AnaIris Grana and Janice Sobczak for the weekend of celebrations, including a 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Rose of Lima on Sunday, June 5th. For more information and tickets please visit www.ihm35yrs.eventbrite.com.

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.

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Brockway Memorial Library's Summer Program for Adults, "Exercise Your Mind, Read!", begins June 1st. Make the Library a part of your family's summer! It is kindly requested that you call 305-758-8107 to RSVP for the following free programs:

Stop in for a cool treat at the Summer Program Open House! Update your library card or get a new membership. Pick up a list of must-reads for this summer. View a special travel display and get inspired! Thursday, June 9th: 4-6 p.m. Then, David Treece of the Treece Financial Group will return with his educational workshop on social security. Learn all there is to know about maximizing your retirement income! This workshop is not to be missed. Saturday, June 11th at 10:00 a.m. And, then there will be the Great American Folk Song Sing-Along with Matthew Sabatella. This show

tells the stories behind the most beloved, well-known American folk songs and will have everyone singing along. Songs include *Oh Susanna*, *Home on the Range*, *Down in the Valley*, *Down by the Riverside*, *Yankee Doodle*, and many more. Great for the entire family! Thursday, June 16th: 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Yoga instructor Marianna Scotti will help you ground your mind and body with a chair yoga workout. The chair replaces the yoga mat and becomes an extension of your body.. Stretch your body and relieve tension! Saturday, June 18th: 11:00 a.m. Plus, Mystery on the Menu: Barbara Fox, author, actor, and producer, will host an interactive evening of mystery where guests can practice their sleuthing skills while solving a fascinating whodunit! Thursday, June 30th: 6:30 p.m. Finally, the Library Artisan Craft Fair is coming this fall! Brockway is looking for vendors with handmade crafts and homemade goods! Tables are \$35 per vendor. Cash only please. Register by August 1st. Call Michelle at 305-758-8107 to reserve a table today.

Miami Theater Center is offering a "Teen Theater Workshop" from July 5 -23, weekdays from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Open to kids 13-18, the camp is directed by Rosalind Thomas-Clark. Participants will collaborate with professional actors in creating and performing a 21st century response to the 16th century morality play *Everyman*. Registration is \$650. For more details or to sign up, call 305-751-9550, e-mail Idalmis@mtcmiami.org, or visit www.mtcmiami.org.

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JUNE IS JUMPIN'

Raquel V. Reyes, Senior Columnist

June has a lot to celebrate. It is the favored month for weddings. The least

popular month is January, if you were curious. I was a June bride, actually, and so was my mother. With so many houses of worship and event venues in the area, you might cross paths with wildly decorated get-away cars and flocks of people in fancy dress. Wish the honeymooners off with a toot of your car horn.

Nationally, both Caribbean American Heritage and LGBT Pride are commemorated. South Florida will have many events and festivals. Search for them. No matter if you don't identify as either, it is nice to join with those that are proud of their communities. I love a good parade and street party. Don't you?

The first week of June is graduation time for many of our communities' kids and teens. Some are moving from the safety and warmth of elementary school into the wilds of middle school independence. Others are making the long awaited step from high school to college. Even if you do not have children, chances are you will be invited to celebrate somebody's graduation this month. So, prepare yourself for the festivities. Here's a tip— tweens and teens love presents of money or gift cards.

Using social media I asked our villages what they were looking forward to most.

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The resounding answer was 'the end of school'. Daryl Gallo exclaimed happiness for "No more homework!" Veronica Accornero agreed and stated she was excited to have free weekends and evening bike rides. Summer officially begins on the solstice, June 20th. There will be more daylight to enjoy, an average of thirteen to be exact. So, there is plenty of time for outdoor activities like bicycling and swimming.

Ramadan, the month of fasting, prayer, and charity starts the evening of June 5th. I have learned so much about that holy practice from one of our resident Islamic families. It is a joyous celebration of family, sharing, and introspection unlike any other. The holiday's main purpose is for the participant to gain empathy for those in need. There are so many people in need locally and around the world. I welcome more empathy and compassion.

An important historical and cultural holiday called Emancipation or Freedom Day is on June 19th. Better known as Juneteenth, it celebrates freedom from slavery in the American South. Another day of liberation honored this month is D-day, the day allied troops landed in Normandy marking the liberation of Europe from the Nazis. More patriotism can be had on Flag Day, June 14th. The day in 1777 we, as a nation, adopted The Stars and Stripes.

The golf and fishing holiday known as Father's Day falls on June's third Sunday. Laura Maria Rodriguez shared that she will be honoring, "my father who is an example of always putting others before yourself and being fiercely determined when faced with adversity." How will you celebrate the fathers, grandfathers, and fatherly mentors in your life? Shipwreck Cove has free admission for resident dads that come for a splash with their kids. If your daddy-o is a cool cat, take Liliana Pico's suggestion and take him to El Portal's Jazz in the Grass concert on Saturday, June 18th. Make it an El Portal Father's Day weekend by hitting their Family Food Truck Night on Friday.

Professional and personal milestones are important to acknowledge. Resident Anya McCoy will be toasting the 10th anniversary of the Natural Perfumers Guild, a worldwide consortium of professionals and nonprofessionals that she founded. Our villages are alive with vibrant and incredible citizens from diverse backgrounds. Get out there and celebrate what makes them and you special.

Is there someone in your neighborhood that needs to be publicly recognized for their contribution to the community? Do you have an idea for this column? Please email your feedback to: rreyes@miamishores.com.

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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.



Doctors Charter School (DCS), track teams, under the leadership of Coach Randal Morales, came in second place in the District meet for boys, and the girls won the District meet on April 14! Both teams qualified for the Regionals set to take place April 28.

The **Miami Shores Elementary School (MSES)** Chess Team competed at the Miami Country Day Spring Classic hosted by Grandmaster Ron Henley. The students excelled with the K3 Team and K5 Team winning 1st and 3rd place respectively. Some MSES students took top spots individually – Camila Thomas (K3) won all four of her rounds, while Jamari Cooley (K5) won three – both students took 1st place in their categories. Theodore Gasnier (K5) took second place in his category with three wins.

The Team also participated at the 2016 Florida Scholastic State Championship in Orlando. Soeni Jean and Reheana Joseph won 2nd place in the K3 Under 500 division – a significant accomplishment

with only two players. The Chess Team is supported by Ms. Echevarria, with help from Lauren Kleidermacher of Miami Country Day School. Both the school and Chess Team are grateful for their support.

Miami Shores Presbyterian Church School (MSPCS) is proud to announce the graduating 5th grade class of 2016. Best of luck in middle school and beyond! Each student was accepted to and will be attending their top choice of middle school. Antonio Justo, Chloe Gaudet, Noah Perazzo, and Tristan Bradley will attend Miami Country Day School. Enzo Lagrassa, Isabella Mateo, Jude Held, Thomas Saenz-Boone, and Tommy Fredricks will attend Doctors Charter School (DCS). Francis Devine will attend American Heritage. Madison Sheppe will attend Young Women’s Preparatory. Michael Melendez will attend Maritime and Science Technology Academy (MAST). Mila Mendez will attend Carrollton School of the Sacred Heart. Olivia Gonzalez and Satine Garcia will attend Miami Arts Charter School (MAC).

Mrs. Lanier dedicates the following poem to her class. “It’s time to say good-bye, our year has come to an end. I’ve made more cherished memories and many new friends. I’ve watched you learn and grow and change from day to day. I hope that all the things we’ve done have helped in some small way. So it’s with happy memories I send you out the door. With great hope and expectations for what next year holds in store.”

MSPCS would also like to congratulate their Headmaster Otis Wirth on winning an award for outstanding academic achievement, leadership among peers, and promise to his field and discipline. Mr. Wirth is currently pursuing an Education Doctorate in Organizational Learning and Leadership with a Specialization in Human Resource Development from The Adrian Dominican School of Education at Barry University. He is a positive example to the students of the benefits of hard work, to never stop learning, and how to pursue your passions.

MSPCS is open for Summer Camp beginning May 31st, and is enrolling for the 2016-2017 school year for ages 18 months through 5th grade. Learn more at www.mspsc.net or call 305-759-2548.



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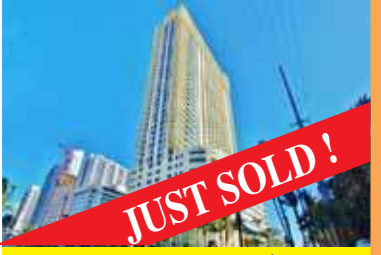
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Beautiful bright remodeled South unit has gorgeous Euro style kitchen w/ quartz countertops and S.S. appliances with awesome views of the Downtown, the pool, tennis courts and bay.



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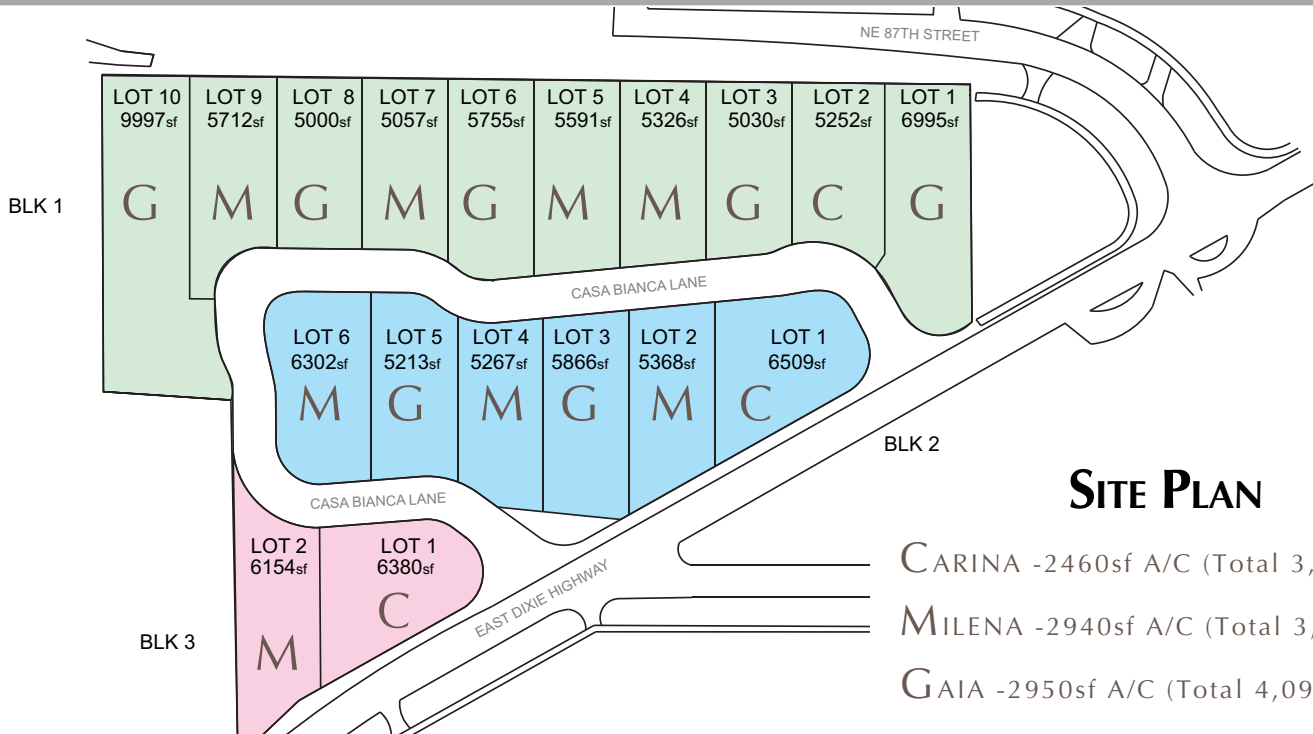
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This month we debut a new feature. The Greater Miami Shores Chamber of Commerce serves four communities, and each month we will shine the spotlight on one of your town's Council Members or Commissioners!



Dr. Richard Chervony was elected as the North Bay Island Commissioner of North Bay Village. As a proud 20 year resident of

North Bay Island, Dr. Chervony has been active in the community, serving in various advisory boards, including Planning and Zoning and Civil Service Board. Among his civic responsibilities is being a Senator for the International Junior Chamber of Commerce and is also active in various arts and religious organizations around the county, state and nation.

Dr. Chervony obtained his Medical Licensure from the University of Salamanca, Spain and works in the healthcare industry as owner and administrator of CPC Medical Centers. As a successful professional and businessman, he believes he can help move the City forward and will continue to be a voice for all residents of North Bay Village.

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Green Day Committee meets at the Chamber of Commerce office

TUESDAY, JUNE 14
4:30 P.M.

Executive Committee meets at the Chamber of Commerce office

TUESDAY, JUNE 21
4:30 P.M.

Board of Directors meets at Doctors Charter School

TUESDAY, JUNE 28
MONTHLY MEMBER EVENT: LUNCHEON AT ANTICA MARE WITH SPEAKER LARRY WILLIAMS, CEO, THE BEACON COUNCIL 12:15 P.M.

Chamber members and area residents are invited to a luncheon mixer and program at Antica Mare Restaurant, 7999 NE Bayshore Dr., with guest speaker



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Each month a Chamber member realtor is given the opportunity to submit a photo of a great home they have for sale. This month's home is at 1298 NE 100 Street. It's a Miami Shores mid-century charmer with 3 beds and 2 baths, 1,848 SF of living area, a 2-car garage, and sits on a corner lot. The open floor plan stays true to its original design and is perfect for entertaining. The welcoming interior flows seamlessly to the hospitable exterior courtyard and BBQ area that can accommodate lots of company! It has a private backyard with ample room for kids and dogs to play! One house from the open bay ensures low traffic and secluded street. Offered at \$749,000. For more information, call Imburgia Realty at 786-566-1903.



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El Portal:

33 NE 87th Street..... \$479,000
 8750 NE 4th Avenue..... \$419,000
 460 NW 87th Street..... \$395,000

Miami Shores:

935 NE 99th Street..... \$675,000
 910 NE 99th Street..... \$625,000
 824 NE 100th Street..... \$575,000
 53 NW 97th Street..... \$540,000
 10 NW 110th Street..... \$515,000
 54 NE 106th Street..... \$500,000

511 NE 101st Street..... \$492,500
 65 NW 107th Street..... \$500,000
 825 NE 91st Terrace..... \$480,000
 30 NE 106th Street..... \$466,500
 173 NE 107th Street..... \$450,000
 157 NW 104th Street..... \$370,000
 158 NW 94th Street..... \$395,000

North Bay Village:

7830 Miami View Drive..... \$1,300,000
 1500 North Treasure Drive..... \$565,000
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 Eloquence on the Bay, 7930 East Drive, #1602..... \$490,000
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540 Grand Concourse, Miami Shores
 5,205 sf 6bd/4bth home. Renovated in 2012, 2-car garage. Striking oak wood floors, private dining room, gourmet kitchen w/gas cooking, over-sized island for entertaining. An abundance of natural light. Smart pool system w fence, waterfall, lush landscaping w/ up-lighting. OFFERED AT \$1,975,000

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VILLAGE OF MIAMI SHORES

MAYOR ALICE BURCH

Get ready for a Super Summer in the Shores! We have programs planned for every age at our wonderful amenities- so swim, go to camp, or love your Library right here. Star Wars comes to Shipwreck Cove on June 24th! Costume Contest and Movie start at 7PM. Love your pool. Check hours on the website.



Go to camp! Go ahead and register once you know your vacation schedule. Here's an easy way to choose your camp from a list: "Summer Camp Quick Guide 2016" on our website under Recreation Department. Love your Library! Brockway Memorial Library will soon be expanding! And for now, sign up for kids – "Fun, Fitness, Florida" or for the first Summer Reading Program for Adults, "Exercise your mind, READ!"

You may want volunteer for a Village Board; there are seven vacancies on Boards currently, apply using the online application by Tuesday, June 14th. See the new application at www.miamishoresvillage.com

Alice Burch, Mayor
Steven Zerkowitz, Vice Mayor

Mac Glinn, Council Member
Herta Holly, Council Member
Ivonne Ledesma, Council Member

Important Phone Numbers

Village Hall	305-795-2207	Building and Zoning . .	305-795-2204
Police Department	305-759-2468	Public Works	305-795-2210
Brockway Library	305-758-8107	Community Center . . .	305-758-8103
Aquatic Center	305-795-2241	Field House	305-758-6701
Country Club	305-795-2360		

Village Council Meetings: Village Council meets on Tuesday, **June 8 and 22** at 6:30 p.m. Check the Village's Web site for agenda and details. Did you know that council meetings are televised on Comcast Channel 77 at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays? They are also streamed live on the Village's Web site.

Community Center: Complete events schedule available on the Village's website "Recreation" quick link.

Aquatic Center: Shipwreck Cove is now open for the summer! Competition Pool open only for Miami Shores residents and guests. \$4/Shores resident; \$6 guest. Hours at miamishoresvillage.com.

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VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK

MAYOR DAVID J. COVIELLO

Thank you to everyone that joined us for the ribbon cutting and rededication ceremony of the historic Log Cabin. It was truly a special day for the Village of Biscayne Park. If you were not able to make it, we welcome you to stop by to see this beautifully rehabilitated structure. Better yet, join us at the Log Cabin for our monthly Village Commission meetings (the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m.) as we continue to move the Village forward. Although we have successfully completed the new Village Hall and the rehabilitation of the historic Log Cabin, which will serve the residents for many years to come, our work is not done. We will continue to work to improve this community. Keep an eye out as we complete the entry signage project with landscaping and lighting to complement the new signs, and focus on improving our medians and our parks. We will also be analyzing our options to improve drainage and our roads.



Although we will continue to do our part, the success of the Village also depends upon each and every resident. For most of us, our homes are our largest investment. The appearance of our home directly impacts our property value and the property values of our neighbors. The collective appearance of our community increases its desirability for buyers, which in turn, also elevates our property values. There is no doubt that we have a wonderful Village, but the Village has even greater potential. In the coming months, our code compliance department will be making visits to address the most common code issues.

Mayor David Coviello
Commissioner Bob Anderson
Commissioner Fred Jonas

Commissioner Roxanna Ross
Commissioner Barbara Watts

Important Phone Numbers

Village Hall (M-F, 9 am to 5 pm)	305-899-8000
Police Department – Emergency	911
Police Non-Emergency Dispatch	305-476-5423
Police Clerk's Office	305-893-7490
Public Works Department	305-893-4346
Ed Burke Recreation Center	305-893-3711
Maria C. Camara, Interim Village Manager	305-899-8000
Building Department	305-899-8000
Code Compliance Department	305-899-8000

Village Commission Meetings

Village Council meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Log Cabin, 640 NE 114th Street.

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VILLAGE OF EL PORTAL MAYOR CLAUDIA V. CUBILLOS

It continues to be my vision for the Village of El Portal to get its residents motivated and inspired! Motivated to get involved in the community and inspired to be heard! There is strength in numbers and this is now evidenced in El Portal every day as we see our good neighbors:



1) hosting Citizen Crime Watch meetings for their block's in their front yards; 2) meeting after hours to continue the initial work of the ILE on environmental projects such as The Little River Clean Up; 3) working hard into the late-night hours so that the community can enjoy a "Taste of the Arts" at the El Portal Art Fair; 4) and, finally even more community members meeting to carry out our vision of protecting, preserving, and enhancing El Portal's outstanding trees by ensuring we proudly become the next certified Miami-Dade County "Tree City USA!"

Here are just a few of our priorities for the second quarter of 2016:

- The Village of El Portal becomes a certified "Tree City USA"
- We will reinvigorate our Citizen's Crime Watch block by block
- We will continue the West Side Nature Trail Expansion
- The Westside Little River Foot Bridge makeover continues
- Pursue a better codification of ordinances
- Strengthen our community with continued Village events: Art Fair, Arbor Day, Family Food Truck Night etc...
- Pass resolution for preliminary NE 2nd Avenue sewer design

As you can see—El Portal is on the move—and there are many ways to get involved: Please attend our Council Meetings, Committee Meetings, Mayor's Task Force Meetings, Women's Club Meetings and/or join NEXTDOOR.com to get more informed!

Claudia V. Cubillos, Mayor
Omarr C. Nickerson, Vice Mayor, Seat 3
Roxanne Isaacs, Councilperson Seat 1
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Important Phone Numbers

Police Department - Emergency 911
Police (non-emergency)305-795-7870
Village Hall (M-F; 9am to 5pm).....305-795-7880
Yenise Saiz-Jacobi, Village Clerk
Kioka Boyce, Building ClerkExt. 8001
Michael Knowles, Permit ClerkExt. 8000

Village Council Meetings

Fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at El Portal Village Hall.

El Portal Tot Lot

500 NE 87 Street (Park hours from sunrise to sunset)

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NORTH BAY VILLAGE MAYOR CONNIE LEON KREPS

Greetings from the Three Island Paradise. A lot is happening in our Village. The long, arduous Kennedy Causeway project is nearing an end. Both visitors, commuters and residents will enjoy the completed new paving, installation of new light poles to enhance illumination, installing new blue bridge railings, widening of sidewalks and addition of, possibly, having colorfully marked bike lanes. These improvements will make North Bay Village both pedestrian and bike friendly, day or night.



Children are our future and with that said we are thrilled that our Baccalaureate Treasure Island Elementary School was recently awarded a B rating. We congratulate the teachers, administrators, parents but most of all our hardworking students. At the same time, MDCPS is working with us to refurbish the TIES school basketball courts for our youth.

Also, our young people along with NBV Commissioners participated in Earth Day by planting trees and a Clean Street Day by tidying up areas of our Village. Residents and their families were encouraged to participate in The Best Buddies Friendship Walk that promotes inclusion. The Village has been a Best Buddies Sponsor and employer for the past several years.

Our Annual Law Enforcement Memorial Service presented by our new Chief Carlos Noriega and the NBV Police Department hosted their annual Law Enforcement Memorial Service on Wed, May 18th at Village Hall.

The School year comes to a close but it is my vision to engage local university students to take on internships in NBV so that they can have an opportunity to learn how local government works. At the same time, they can help us as we continue to move towards an age friendly community by offering dominos, yoga and other activities for our residents.

Connie Leon-Kreps, Mayor
Jorge Gonzalez, Vice Mayor
Dr. Richard Chervony, Commissioner
Andreana Jackson, Commissioner
Eddie Lim, Commissioner

Important Phone Numbers

Village Hall305-756-7171
Police Department305-758-2626

Village Planning & Zoning Meetings

The 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Village Council Meetings

The second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at 1666 Kennedy Cswy, First Floor Commission Chambers, Suite 101. Meetings are televised live on ABB Channel 77 and are also streamed live on the Village's Web site.

Community Parks

Paul Vogel Park - Harbor Island
Philip Schonberger Tot Lot - Treasure Island
Open sunrise to sunset

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PAWS, CLAWS & JAWS!

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.



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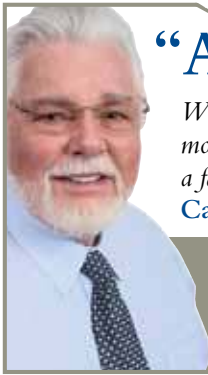
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Organization	Meets	Time	Location	Contact
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Miami Shores Community Alliance	Wednesday, June 1	8:00 a.m.	Community Center	Bekky Leonard 305-759-2235
Miami Shores Friendly Villagers	Tuesday, June 7	11:30 a.m.	Country Club	Kathy Dzwonkiewicz 786-236-6481
Kiwanis Club of Miami Shores & North Miami	1st & 3rd Thursdays	12:15 p.m.	Country Club	Sam Michels 305-757-5599
Miami Shores Optimists Club	Last Wed. of each month	6:30 p.m.	Community Center	Eddie Lewis 305-812-8516
Miami Shores Property Owners Association	Call for date and time	TBD	Community Center 9617 Park Drive	Bekky Leonard 305-759-2235
Miami Shores Village People <i>Free non-membership social group for LGBT residents and straight allies.</i>	Call for date and time	TBD	TBD	John D'Alessandro 305-505-9551
Miami Shores Woman's Club <i>Erick Fitz Allen of W&W Apothecary presents "The Green Wizard". \$23. RSVP a must!</i>	Tuesday, June 14	11:00 a.m.	Country Club 305-751-6885	Helen Mendel
Rotary Club of Miami Shores www.miamishoresrotary.org	Every Wednesday	12:15 p.m.	Country Club	Jerome Hurtak



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Last month we asked if anyone knew the name of the artist who was restoring the bust of our 35th President of the United States, John F. Kennedy, on the Kennedy Causeway in North Bay Village. This one must have been too tough, as we didn't get any correct answers, so no winner this month! The correct answer is artist Jose Ricardo Pinto.

Now for this month's question. Who is the individual on the left speaking at Barry University's 1971 "President's Day"?

Know the answer? Email the Chamber at jessewalters@miamishores.com or call 305-754-5466. Remember to tell us your name and how to contact you if you end up being our winner!



LAST WORD QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

"Great leaders are almost always great simplifiers, who can cut through argument, debate, and doubt, to offer a solution everybody can understand."

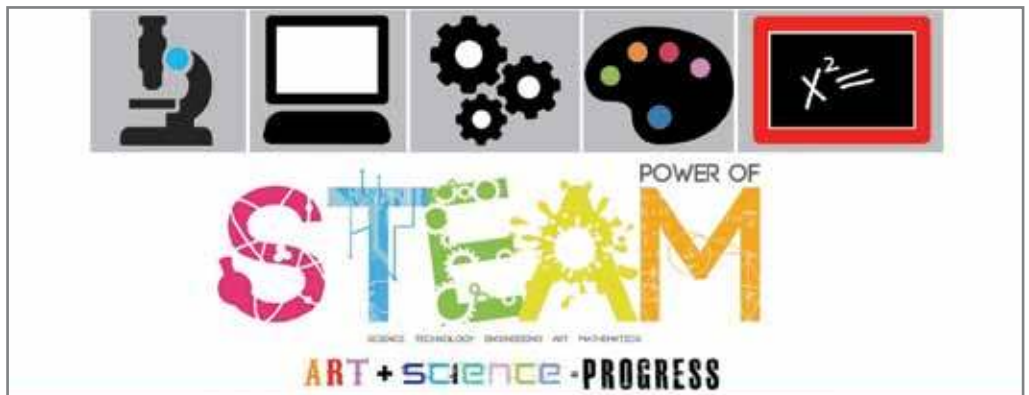
Colin Powell

To Wit:

Gladys was always bragging at the salon: "I have the perfect son. He doesn't drink, smoke, or come home late."

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Gladys replied, "6 months next Thursday."



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