

Shop with a Cop delivers smiles



North Miami Beach Police spread some holiday cheer with local youths through the 5th annual Shop with a Cop event held last December. The Shop with a Cop program joins kids with police officers, who provide them with a \$50 gift card to shop for Christmas presents for their families and themselves.

The Police Department, along with Parks and R.E.C. staff, accompanied 20 children to the Target store located at 14075 Biscayne Boulevard. The day started with an early morning bus ride to the store, where all participants enjoyed an amazing breakfast sponsored by Mr. Michael Gurowitz of the Big Apple New York Deli. After breakfast, Chief J. Scott Dennis took the opportunity to discuss

police/public relations, current police events and gun safety. Following the brief lesson, the children teamed up with police staff, and the shopping began.

The children, aged 12 through 16, were selected through the City's Park and R.E.C. programs, along with referrals from Police Department personnel. Following the shopping spree, Commission on the Status of Women and Police Department staff volunteers wrapped all the gifts with great care.

The unique Shop with a Cop program is a team effort to break down the barriers between the community and the police with the intent of developing a better and more trusting relationship as well as fostering the spirit of giving to those in need during the holiday season.

A CUT ABOVE THE MEDIAN

Major thoroughfare improvements continue throughout the City

The Public Works Department has embarked on a mission to beautify the medians of State Road 826 (NE 163rd Street), the main corridor that runs through our City from the Golden Glades Interchange to the Intra-coastal Waterway. These landscaping upgrades are in line with the Florida Department of Transportation's Bold Landscape Initiative, which includes planting large trees, grass and low ground cover in lieu of small trees and shrubs. The result will be more open visibility along the length of the entire corridor, as well as a much more dramatic aesthetic.

The work is being performed in phases. The first phase, between NE 17th and 22nd avenues, was completed in December 2013. Phase two, completed in December 2014, runs from West Dixie Highway to NE 8th Avenue. The next two phases will carry the improvements from NE 8th Avenue to the Golden Glades Interchange.

"The corridor that intersects our City has been in need of a makeover in certain locations for a very long time, and this is being accomplished through agreements and partnerships with other agencies and municipalities," said Public Works Director Esmond Scott. Portions of



New improvements to the medians on State Road 826

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< Councilwoman Beth E. Spiegel at the start of the 2014 Heart Health

Canal. Participants will begin and end at the Gwen Margolis Amphitheater.

Amphitheater gates will open at 8 a.m. for walkers to register and visit a variety of booths and tables hosting local health care professionals, who will be on hand

to provide free health screenings throughout the event. Also, fitness trainers will provide free group exercise routines for attendees. The event will include music and entertainment, raffles and prizes, and much more!

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HEART HEALTH WALK
&
HEALTH FAIR
Saturday,
February 28, 2015
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Gates Open at 8 a.m. for Registration
Gwen Margolis Amphitheater
16501 NE 16th Avenue

On Saturday, February 28, 2015 the City of North Miami Beach Commission on the Status of Women, Councilwoman Beth E. Spiegel, liaison, will host the City's second annual Heart Health Walk at the Gwen Margolis Amphitheater, 16501 NE 16th Avenue. In addition, the Greater North Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Health Fair at the event.

The goal of this 2.6-mile walk is to bring awareness to heart disease. In fact, more women die from heart disease than from all female-related cancers combined.

The Heart Health Walk will last from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., and the actual walk will commence at 9 a.m. This is a free, family-friendly event open to all age groups. The walk will follow the paved trails along the banks of the Snake Creek

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mayor's message



Mayor George Vallejo

Dear Neighbors,

Happy New Year! While 2014 was a great year for our City, this next twelve months is gearing up to be a real "game-changer" for NMB. It is a real pleasure to see residents working together with city staff and combining their time, talents, and energy to make NMB a cleaner, safer and more beautiful place to live.

As we move forward with the "North Miami Beach Renaissance" here are a few examples of projects that are breaking ground as you read this:

- Our main thoroughfare, NE 167/163 Street is being completely updated from I-95 all the way to the Intracoastal Waterway. Work has already begun on bold new landscaping in the medians and swales. New signage, access ramps, striping and paving is on the way to enhance the appearance and safety on this road.
- New sewer main lines are being installed along our business corridors. This long overdue infrastructure improvement will unleash the pent-up demand for new businesses, restaurants and modern, mixed-use buildings along our main business corridors-creating abundant new jobs for our residents.
- The entire municipal complex is undergoing a physical renovation to go along with the technology upgrades started last year. Combined this will provide our residents and businesses with a more efficient and pleasant customer service experience.

- In cooperation with the School Board, each of our city schools is getting major improvements so that they give each of our children the educational experience they deserve.
- A new bike path is slated to begin which will connect the Snake Creek Canal bike path with Greynolds Park, allowing even more freedom for bike enthusiasts to enjoy the natural beauty of our City.

These are but a few examples and do not include the five major new buildings that are currently in the approval process. All of these combined will revitalize the City's appearance and bring growth and economic opportunities to NMB.

Improving the City is a team effort so I need and welcome your feedback. Please call me directly at 305-948-2986 with your ideas, comments or questions. As always, I thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Mayor and I wish you and your family a wonderful spring.

Warmest regards,

George Vallejo

George Vallejo, Mayor

city manager



City Manager Ana M. Garcia

Everything rises and falls on leadership! If you want to make a positive impact on the world, on a business or on our City, learning to be a better leader will certainly help you do it. According to John C. Maxwell, New York Times best selling author, "If your vision of success includes starting an organization, owning a company or putting a team together, you need to become good at leadership."

To be a great leader, one must be dedicated to personal and professional development and always lead by example. Yet there is much more to leadership than self development, because "the team" is made up of many individuals. Early on in my professional career, I had a great boss who is my friend and mentor. My former boss planted a seed within me, or perhaps he just nourished and nurtured what already existed. I have continued my commitment to grow as a leader. Yet more important is my unwavering dedication to developing leaders. After all, developing leaders is the pinnacle of leadership.

One of my goals as your manager is to invest in our team and in our City, and one of the best ways to achieve this is to have a pipeline of leaders being produced. You may ask, how can we best develop and produce leaders? We are recruiting, retaining and equipping individuals that have a foundation of key characteristics, and those characteristics are part of the RISE motto that we have incorporated as part of our culture, a culture that is synonymous with our expectations. Respect, Integrity and a true commitment to Service and Excellence are the key ingredients that all individuals must possess in order for us to invest in them and equip them as we continue on this quest of leadership building and development!

Every day we practice the Rule of 5, we are thinking globally, we are evaluating ourselves and our leadership strategies, we are creating resources and opportunities, we are developing trainers and partners, and we are

training leaders to train leaders. While all elements of the Rule of 5 are important personally, Self Evaluation is key particularly as we recover from a mistake and overcome a challenge.

I have a great responsibility as your City Manager, a responsibility that I take very seriously! I have also seen a multitude of opportunities for our team and our City, yet seeing an opportunity is not enough, for it is only in seizing opportunities that we should feel satisfied! Satisfaction can never come from being idle; it takes action, and interestingly enough, you cannot spell satisfaction without "action!" My former boss provided valuable advice, shared great books with me and equipped me to be a leader. Therefore, I have made it my mission to do the same for others, yet seeking advice and listening to others is paramount in the quest to be a great leader. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me with your ideas and advice.

According to Maxwell in his book *How Successful People Lead*, "When leaders grow and reach the pinnacle of leadership, they have a chance to have a broader impact to advance the cause of leadership, and with this extended influence comes a responsibility to steward it with integrity. Leaders that reach the highest level of leadership understand that the highest position of leadership is not a place to be served by others but to serve others. It is not a place to receive, but a place to give!"

Our Mission is to move our City forward and provide excellence in all areas of municipal government for the benefit of all who live and work in North Miami Beach, and that takes a Team of Leaders!

Respectfully,

Ana M. Garcia

Ana M. Garcia, City Manager

CRA ANNOUNCES NEW INCENTIVE TOOLS

The City of North Miami Beach Community Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors has approved new incentive programs to encourage economic growth within the Community Redevelopment Area.

The Tax Increment Recapture Program provides tax rebates to the owner of a qualifying project that is anticipated to create at least \$2 million in net new taxable value in the first full year following completion. Projects may receive a rebate between 50 and 75 percent of their net new taxes.

The Façade Beautification Program is an incentive available to businesses located in the North Miami Beach Community Redevelopment Area for small-



scale aesthetic improvements to the exterior of a commercial building and site. Improvements include painting, awnings, permanent landscaping and signage. This is a 50 percent match grant for up to \$2,500.

The Commercial Property Improvement Program is an incentive available to commercial properties located in the North Miami Beach Community Redevelopment Area for exterior renovations. This is a tiered matching program, which offers 50 percent or 70 percent matching grant funds of up to \$25,000.

The City of North Miami Beach has a fully operational Community Redevelopment Agency. Throughout Florida, CRAs have been highly successful in revitalizing business districts and neighborhoods by providing needed financial support for projects and programs aimed at increasing economic activity and improving the quality of life. CRAs typically address such things as commercial property improvements, new commercial development, street improvements, parks and playgrounds, parking facilities, business promotion and more.

For further information please contact the North Miami Beach Community Redevelopment Agency at 305-787-6053 or nmbcra@citynmb.com



Heart Health Walk 2014

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Heart Health Walk and Health Fair

"We had... 600 walkers attend last year's event, which helped build awareness of this disease, which impacts so many women in many age groups," said Councilwoman Spiegel. "I am hoping this annual event can create lasting change in the lives of women in our community."

At last year's event, the Commission on the Status of Women unveiled new mile-marker posts placed at specific intervals along the canal-side trails to encourage the community to get up, get moving and stay active!

Registration forms are available at

www.citynmb.com; click on the Heart Health Walk link. Please return completed registration forms to the Parks and R.E.C. Department, located at 17051 NE 19th Avenue, or register in person at 8 a.m. on the day of the event. For further information, call (305) 948-2957.

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Welcome to Fix It NMB, the City of North Miami Beach's Citizen Relationship Management portal. This new initiative provides a

number of ways to reach just the right staff member that can help get your issue fixed! You can submit your issues using the website, using free smartphone apps for Android, iPhone or BlackBerry, text messaging or by calling a toll free number, and staff will be at your fingertips ready to assist.

To get started, take a few minutes and watch one of the videos below to learn more about our partner PublicStuff. When you're ready, click on the "Get Started" link to be transported to our Fix It NMB por-



tal where you can either register as a new user or submit a request anonymously. All we ask is that you provide an accurate address and details regarding your issue. If you are using a smartphone app, your phone's GPS will automatically provide us with the correct address of the issue if you submit the request from that location! You can even attach a photo of the issue from either the phone app or the online portal. Registering as a user in PublicStuff is a simple process and allows our system to automatically notify you of changes to your request. To see what your neighbors are fixing in NMB, click here!

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the project are being funded with a matching grant from the Florida Department of Transportation. In addition, the City of North Miami Beach recently entered into a Memo of Understanding with the City of North Miami, allowing us

to beautify the section of the corridor from Biscayne Boulevard to the Intracoastal Waterway. The agreement also allows us to erect a welcome to North Miami Beach gateway sign, as well as directional signs along that portion of State Road 826.



public utilities

Save the Swales and Protect Florida's Water

When land is converted from its natural state to other uses, such as roads, homes, and shopping centers, many impervious or paved surfaces are created. Rainfall becomes stormwater runoff when it can no longer soak into the ground and "runs off" the impervious surfaces.

The volume, speed and pollutants of stormwater runoff increase with land development. Stormwater management practices are used to retain or detain runoff to filter out the pollutants. These practices also minimize flooding, protect property and reduce pollution of water bodies.

A swale slows down the rapid flow of stormwater runoff by ponding water between its sloping sides, often called berms. The ponding not only slows the rate of flow but allows pollutants to settle out of the water. When the swale becomes full, the cleaner surface water will spill over the berm and slowly run into a local water body. Eventually, the remaining ponded water will either evaporate or infiltrate into the soil.

To learn more about how you can save the swales and protect Florida's water, contact the North Miami Beach stormwater management division at

305-948-2967.

Here Are Some Swale Ideas...

- * Let water pond. Runoff should temporarily pond in the swale for 24 to 26 hours.
- * Mow the swale but keep it at a good grass growth.
- * Remove and compost leaves and grass clippings from swales.
- * Minimize use of fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides.
- * Understand that sometimes swales must be dug out in order to reestablish their shape—this allows swales to continue doing their job, collecting

Swales are one of the most commonly used stormwater practices. For many years, swales have been used to direct runoff from rural highways and residential streets. Today, swales not only direct stormwater but also help filter runoff and reduce pollutants.

- water so it does not reach water bodies.
- * Do not pile garbage, trash, leaves, limbs or garden debris in swales - this adds pollutants which can wash into downstream waters.
- * Do not pave the swale—this reduces the filtration and infiltration of runoff.
- * Do not park vehicles in the swale—this compacts the soil so less runoff soaks in.

WATER CONSERVATION TIPS

Outdoor Water Use

- ◆ When you have to water your lawn, water only after 6 p.m. and before 9 a.m. The water you spray will reach the roots that need it rather than evaporating away. Besides, it is a Miami-Dade County ordinance.
- ◆ Inspect sprinkler heads for uniformity and proper operation to avoid watering driveways, sidewalks and streets.
- ◆ Install a rain sensor on your automatic irrigation system so that you do not irrigate when it rains.
- ◆ Incorporate drought tolerant and native Florida plants into your landscaping...less grass means less watering.
- ◆ Avoid installing ornamental water fixtures (such as fountains) unless they use recycled water.

Indoor Water Use

- ◆ Install a water-efficient showerhead and take shorter showers for added savings.
- ◆ Install low-flow faucet aerators on your bathroom and kitchen faucets.
- ◆ If your toilet was installed before 1993, place a plastic bottle filled with water in the tank so it flushes with less water. If possible, install a new 1.6 gallons-per-flush toilet.
- ◆ Keep drinking water cool in the refrigerator rather than running the tap for cool water. Two - three gallons of water can be saved each time you open the tap!
- ◆ Turn off the faucet while brushing your teeth and other grooming activities in the bathroom.

GOOD NEWS FOR OUR WATER BOND RATING

Fitch Ratings affirms an A+ rating for North Miami Beach's \$58 million Water Revenue Bonds issued in 2012, quite a step up from a previous AA- rating. In addition, the rating outlook is revised to Positive from Stable.

"This is wonderful news, and it can be attributed to our City's leadership, which has been instrumental in ensuring we protect and invest in our utilities," said North Miami Beach Finance Director Barbara Trinka.

According to Fitch, the Positive Outlook reflects a trend of strong financial performance over the past several years and a much-improved liquidity position. A continuation of healthy margins is expected, allowing the system to maintain strong liquidity while absorbing identified capital needs from existing rates. The rating could move higher if financial performance and liquidity remains strong and the debt burden manageable.

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PROTECT Florida's Water

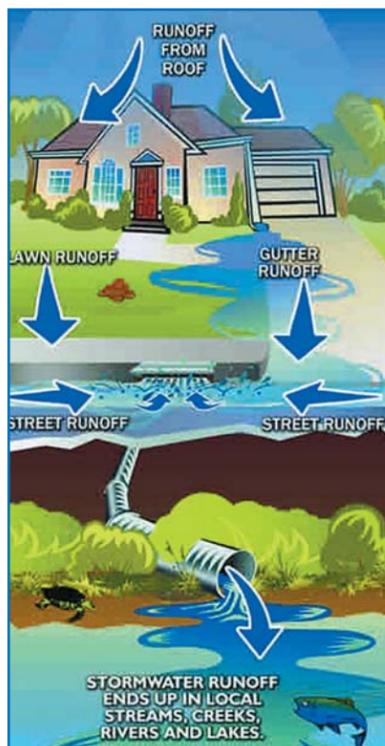
What is NonPoint Source (NPS) pollution?

Commonly referred to as stormwater runoff or urban runoff, NonPoint Source (NPS) pollution is water pollution that cannot be traced to its specific origin or starting point.

NPS pollution comes from our home, yards, streets, farms and construction sites. For example, substances such as detergents, pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers, motor oils, animal feces, lawn clippings, soil erosion (sediments) from lawns and construction sites pollute our waterways.

Every time it rains, these substances run off of the land and flow through our storm drainage systems directly to our lakes, streams, rivers and canals.

This process causes more than half of the pollution to our water bodies.



Did You Know That...

- At least 50% of the water quality problems in the U.S. result from NPS pollution.
- Five quarts of used motor oil can create an oil slick 2 football fields in size.
- Yard fertilizer runoff from residential areas is estimated to be responsible for 1/3 of the excess nitrogen polluting our waterways.
- The first inch of runoff generally carries 90% of the pollution from the streets and parking lots to the waterways and aquifers.
- Storm drains do not go to a sewage treatment plants, they lead directly to bodies of water.

Reporting Environmental Emergencies, Complaints, and Environmental Crimes

The Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources (DRER) responds to environmental complaints and emergencies 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. To file a complaint, call

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WE GET INVOLVED... YOU SHOULD TOO!

What does it mean to get involved? The North Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce is a proud supporter of area businesses and economic development in and around the City of North Miami Beach. Since 1949, the NMB Chamber of Commerce is in the business of making your business as successful as it can be. Your success is our success. Our chamber offers opportunities for grand opening or ribbon cutting events, client networkers and professional development classes, all for your business growth. We have seen the birth and growth of Laurenzo's Italian Market on West Dixie Highway, the promotion of Obama Care projects through Florida Blue, and even supported Sherwin Williams' paint donation to North Miami Beach Senior High School.

Our chamber is always looking for new and innovative ways to get involved and market our members. Whether it is through a city-funded project, involvement in business expos or philanthropic endeavors, the opportunities are vast in our growing network of constituents. This fall, we held our annual elections, and several new members were sworn in at our official ceremony, conducted by former Senator Ron Silver and Mayor George Vallejo. Among the new additions were the re-election of Councilman Anthony DeFillippo as now three-time President, Christopher Colona as Vice President, Oscar Llorente as 2nd Vice President, Dr. Janie Greenleaf as Secretary, Yona Lunger as Chairman, and Jessica Carlson from Liberman & Associates P.A. & Raphael Garcia from Bank United as our newest Directors. The chamber looks forward to another fantastic year of business networking, charity events and growth. Let us show your business how we get involved. We have big plans for 2015 and want you to be a part of them. Call us today and feel the power of membership!

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Below and right: The North Miami Beach Parks & R.E.C. Department and North Miami Beach Police Department hosted an amazing Snow Fest and Community Safety Day Parade on December 13, 2014. Over 5,000 people attended the holiday



police department

Police Chief Honors Hero

On the morning of November 3, 2014, North Miami Beach resident Mark Joseph took the initiative to alert our police department of a bank robbery in progress, information that led to the immediate capture of the suspects. "Joseph's outstanding valor made our community safer," said Police Chief J. Scott Dennis.

The City of North Miami Beach Police Department honored Mr. Joseph with the Chief's Meritorious Public Service Award at a council meeting in December.

Mr. Joseph's actions began when he was about to enter the Wells Fargo Bank on NE 167th Street. Two customers rushed out of the bank and informed him of a robbery in progress. A moment later, he noticed a man with a plastic bag of money leaving the bank and waving at a waiting getaway vehicle. He called 911 to alert police and provided a description of the vehicle and suspects. He then followed them from a safe distance.

Mr. Joseph's information enabled undercover Street Crime Unit detectives and patrol officers to catch up to the vehicle.

When the felony stop was conducted, the vehicle was occupied by the armed bank robber and an accomplice. The police found the gun used in the robbery, as well as the stolen money, inside the vehicle.

The North Miami Beach Police later learned that the bank robber had committed another bank robbery in Aventura earlier in the month, was on federal probation for the same acts, and had previously served time in jail for murder.

Upon receiving his award, Mr. Joseph turned the award over to his son, Marcus, "because when he grows up he wants to be a police officer," he said.

"Building relationships and support for a safer NMB is a priority for us," commented Mayor George Vallejo.



Mark Joseph receives his award from Chief J. Scott Dennis

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Snow Fest and Community Safety Day Parade Deliver Smiles and Memories

On December 13, 2014, the Parks & R.E.C. Department teamed up with the North Miami Beach Police Department to host the annual Snow Fest event. The Police Department kicked off the event with its Community Safety Day parade.

Marching bands and majorettes from North Miami Beach High School and Alonzo and Tracy Mourning Biscayne Bay Campus Senior High School filled the streets with musical entertainment and dance moves.

"This year's Snow Fest was a major success and an awesome display of teamwork that involved just about every department in the City, from Parks & R.E.C., Police, Public Works, Public Utilities, Procurement to Finance," said Parks & R.E.C. Director Paulette Murphy. "It was a safe, fun and family-friendly event that created huge smiles on all faces, and I am positive that the event left everyone with lifelong memories."

The children were treated to a winter

wonderland filled with toys from Santa's Workshop and delivered by the jolly officers of our Police Department.

Families were seen frolicking in the snow, playing games, taking pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus, enjoying the food, ice skating, looking at the decorations, dancing with the MC and so much more.

It was an over-the-top event that left the 5,000-plus attendees looking forward to an even bigger and better Snow Fest next year!



Mixed-Use Zoning/Comprehensive Plan Initiative

One of the major goals of the recently adopted North Miami Beach Strategic Plan is the revitalization of our City's downtown area and major corridors. To achieve a more vibrant downtown and help our major corridors thrive, the City has begun the preparation of a new zoning initiative, along with the consulting firm Redevelopment Management Associates (RMA).

This new initiative proposes to create several new mixed-use districts in key development locations throughout North Miami Beach. The proposed new mixed-use zoning districts apply to a number of key locations, and will help promote the efficient use of the land, as well as the clustering of different land

uses, to employ the principles of good urbanism in the planning and development of the city.

Districts will allow both residential and nonresidential uses, and generally include an increase in the development rights over what can be built today. Along with the increased zoning rights will come requirements for new development to provide a variety of additional public benefits, such as public open spaces and greenways, public access to the waterfront, streetscape improvements, undergrounding of utilities, and other tangible improvements to surrounding neighborhoods.

The different areas each include a neighborhood master plan, which will be adopted by the City Council as part of the rezoning of these areas to mixed-

use zoning districts. These plans will reflect the principles of the City's Strategic Plan and South Florida's current development trends, including mixed-use developments blending retail and residential opportunities, walkable neighborhoods linked to neighborhood retail destinations, and attractive, distinctive architecture and public spaces.

In September and October, the City held four separate workshops to engage the public and get input from the residents and businesses throughout these areas of North Miami Beach. Turnout was good, and many valuable and useful comments and suggestions were presented. After incorporating many of these ideas into the proposed plan, City staff and RMA have crafted a draft proposal for presentation to the City Council.

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Unsightly items in the front/side yard, carport or porch.

Articulos feos en el frente o al lado del patio, o al rededor de la casa.

Batanklan nan devan kay, bo lakou, nan remiz.



High grass, weeds and dead trees.

Hierba alta, maleza y arboles muertos.

Zeb wo, raje, pye bwa ki tonbe.



Deteriorating fences.

El deterioro de las cercas.

Vye kloti, barye kraze.



Trash/Garbage/Yard Debris put out on the wrong day, leaving garbage containers out after pick-up, storing containers in the front yard.

La basura o basura sacada en el dia equivocado, dejando los contenedores de basura despues de recoger, almacenar contenedores en el frente.

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Please note that these are Code Violations and a Code Compliance Officer will be following up in the next few weeks.

Tenga en cuenta que se trata de Violaciones Codigo y el Oficial de Codigo revisara en las proximas semanas.

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city projects

Capital Improvement Projects Progress Report

Construction of new streets, sidewalks, lighting and landscaping can be seen throughout the City. We are presently working on several park projects under a General Obligation Bond and Transit/Transportation funding. For more information, call (305) 957-3629.

COMPLETED PROJECTS

172 ST DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT

The installation of a drainage system in the neighborhood of NE 172 ST and NE 23 AVE, just west of West Dixie Highway.

NEW ALLEYWAYS

Installation of new Alleyways, Phases 8B, 9A, 9B, 9C, 9D and 9E are now complete.

STREET RE-SURFACING

Milling and resurfacing of streets has taken place in numerous regions of the city.



PAINTING OF PUBLIC SERVICES ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

PAINTING OF CITY HALL



PROJECTS IN PROGRESS

CITY HALL ROOF REPLACEMENT

Replacement of the roofing system at the NE 17011 City Hall complex building.

COLUMBIA PARK PLAYGROUND

The NE 177 ST and NE 13 ST park improvements will include the installation of new tot lot equipment and a metal picket fence.



ULETA PARK PLAYGROUND

Improvements to the playground located at 386 NE 169 ST will include the installation of new tot lot equipment and a metal picket fence.



UPCOMING PROJECTS

THE GREYNOLDS PARK – SNAKE CREEK BIKE PATH

Along the north side of NE 183 Street, from the existing bike path along the east side of the Snake Creek canal to NE 19 Avenue. This will improve connectivity between Greynolds Park and the Snake Creek canal bike path.

HIGHLAND VILLAGE & ALLEN PARK COMMUNITY CENTERS

Various upgrades are planned for both facilities, ranging from lighting repair to field improvements, and much more.

VICTORY PARK

Improvements to the 17011 NE 19 AVE facility: replace fencing, resurface basketball court, ADA playground safety resurfacing, the addition of picnic tables, shade structure and concrete slab.

city scene

NMB



The 2014 Florida Legislature designated Miami Gardens Drive at West Dixie Highway as "Ronald A. Silver Drive," on December 22, 2014 to honor his service as a state legislator from 1992 to 2002. L to R: Mayor Vallejo, Councilwoman Kramer, former State Senator Ronald A. Silver, Councilwoman Smith, Councilwoman Martell and Councilman DeFillipo.



Mayor Vallejo plays ball with some of the volunteers at the Highland Village Clean-Up Day.



The City of North Miami Beach held its Christmas tree lighting event in early December. L to R: NMB Police Chief J. Scott Dennis, City Manager Ana M. Garcia, Councilwoman Martell, Mayor Vallejo, Councilwoman Kramer and Councilman DeFillipo.



Rabbi Eli Rosenfeld of Chabad Lubavitch of Eastern Shores performed the Menorah lighting ceremony with Mayor and Council and members of our NMB Community in mid-December. Above: Singer Biana Pinchuk performed a beautiful song for the guests at the ceremony.



The NMB Master Fencing Club gives a demonstration at a council meeting, where the Mayor and Council gave special recognition for their continued success in competitions.



The North Miami Beach Explorers along with McGruff the crime dog visited Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital in December to bring some cheer to the hospital patients. From L to R: Hospital staff Franny Garrett, Explorer Lieutenant Bradley Bourbon, Explorer Advisor Johnson Jean, Explorer Andy Perez (in McGruff outfit), Explorer Captain Patrick Dodard, Crime Prevention Officer John Philome



The Mayor and Council give special recognition to the NMB SunDevils Football Program for their continued success on and off the



North Miami Beach Police Department's 7th Annual Walk again Domestic Violence had a tremendous turnout in October and was a big success in raising awareness about this issue.



< Councilwoman Phyllis S. Smith talks with residents during the "Eyes on NMB" cleanup in Eastern Shores last December. "Eyes on NMB" is a Public Works initiative to help keep our neighborhoods clean, code compliant and safe.



The Police department, Mayor and Council and City employees helped to build, decorate and deliver Thanksgiving baskets to some of the needy residents in North Miami Beach.

spotlight ON NORTH MIAMI BEACH

Delivering Quality Tap Water to Our Customers

Turn on the faucet, and there it is—cool, clear tap water. We use it day in and day out, most likely without much regard to who makes sure we have the highest-quality tap water running through our faucets. That's where the North Miami Beach Water Quality Control Division comes in.

This division operates a laboratory at the Norwood Water Treatment Plant, which conducts a multitude of tests to ensure the production and distribution of safe drinking water.

Regulatory standards set by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the State of Florida requires the North Miami Beach Water Utility to monitor a number of substances in its treated water.

The laboratory is state certified in microbiology and makes certain that the water delivered to North Miami Beach water customers is of the highest quality possible. Water samples from 138 different locations throughout the water service area are tested monthly for a variety of substances, including bacteria, chlorine, cloudiness and iron.

The results of these tests are compiled by the Water Quality Control Manager



Kiersy Peña-Bratucu, and published in the water utility's annual Water Quality Report, which is available online at www.citynmb.com.

"Ultimately, we are testing to ensure that the water quality meets all established criteria," said Peña-Bratucu. "All test results get reported to the Florida Department of Health and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to ensure compliance with all regulations."

Water samples are also taken hourly at the water plant by the water treatment plant operators, who staff the facility 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. The orchestration of sampling between the lab technicians and plant operators ensures that the highest-quality water flows to our customers.

HIGHLAND VILLAGE CLEANUP DAY

The Mayor and Council hosted a Highland Village Cleanup Day on December 6, 2014, which involved the Code Compliance, Parks and R.E.C. and Public Works departments, as well as numerous volunteers from around the City.

The hub of the event took place at the Highland Village Community Center. Volunteers and city staff spruced up the neighborhood in many ways, including painting the community center, curbs and fire hydrants.

Teams of volunteers walked the streets and pitched in to pick up bulk trash, litter and yard waste out of the public rights-of-way. Other teams were busy with planting new trees, shrubs and flowers in the neighborhood.

The end result was a fresh new look to the Highland Village Community Center and the neighborhood. Nearly 120 volunteers showed up to participate. The cleanup replaced the scheduled Eyes on NMB day scheduled earlier in the fall. Additional cleanup days will be planned for 2015 at various community centers.



nmb public library

1601 NE 164th Street
Phone: (305) 948-2970

- Internet Access
- Wireless Technology
- Programs for All Ages
- Story Hour for Preschoolers
- Voter Registration and IRS Forms
- Research Databases

Computers are available for public use free of charge. The library has a children's section. There's also Chinese, Creole, French and Spanish materials available. DVDs, CDs and E-books are also available.

Library Hours:

Monday - Thursday • 9:30 a.m. to 7:50 p.m.
Friday & Saturday • 9:30 a.m. to 4:50 p.m.
Most Sundays • 1 p.m. to 4:50 p.m.
Call to confirm Sunday. Computer catalog at www.nmblib.com.

PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

Be part of Progress - Like Us/Friend Us!

The North Miami Beach Library is OUR Library and we serve all areas and corners of our community. In the physical world we have books, movies, magazines, databases, internet access, entertainment and educational seminars. In the virtual world we have eBooks, eMagazines, and remote access databases. Imagine a service at your disposal 24 hours a day, 7 days a week no matter where you are! We are in your community, on the web, on Face book, and on Twitter, always searching to deliver the best service.

The North Miami Beach Library would like to reorganize the Library Friends Group which would allow us to seek funding for library services that require a formal non-profit community group that supports the Library. We are looking for individuals who believe in the value of libraries and their benefits to the community; who would like to meet other neighbors and community members for creative discussions; and individuals who will donate a couple of hours a month to meet or fundraise for the Library.

On Thursday, March 26th, at 6:30 p.m. the North Miami Beach Library will open its meeting room doors to community members that would like to be agents of change and assist in the revitalization of our library services. Come be part of our Growth, Friend Us!

Second Annual International Women's Day Tea

Saturday, March 14, 2015 at 3 p.m.

The NMB Library is on its 5th year of providing a Fifth Grade Science Camp. This Science Camp prepares fifth grade students for their science readiness mandatory exam, previously called FCAT Science. This course provides a hands-on opportunity for students to learn science over a period of 8 months. The successful program has graduated an average of 20 top grade obtaining students per year.

Last year, to help raise funds for the camp, the NMB library held their first International Women's Day Event. This event brought together female scientists from our So. Florida Community to address our parents and youth on the value of endeavoring in various fields of science. The International Women's Tea was hosted by Betty Davis, meteorologist from Channel 10 news. City engineers and professors from Barry University, University of Miami, and FIU shared their heartwarming and encouraging stories with our attendees. Many of our local vendors such as Lorenzo's, Winn-Dixie, Whole Foods and Fresh Market provided wonderful sweets and savories for the event. The funds collected from this event assisted the funding of the Library's Science Camp.



Please join us on Saturday, March

14th, 2015 at 3:00 pm in the afternoon for our Second Annual International Women's Day Tea. The guests will be inspirational and the youth will be exhilarated by their possibilities. The rest of us will enjoy the reinvigorating hope in our children, choices and shared treats. Limited tickets are available and may be purchased directly from the library's Circulation desk during regular library hours.

For further information, please contact Candice Collins at 305-948-2970.

Teen Speak



The NMB Teen LAB (Library Advisory Board) is made up of teens desiring to make a positive impact in their community. NMB Teen LAB members come together the first Thursday of the month to discuss services that would meet their needs, as well as to look for opportunities in which they can be involved in serving our community.

The last couple of months the Teen LAB has been serving! They have been promoting a Library Needs Survey. They not only filled out their own but they actively sought the input from their peers and older community members. They assisted in the gathering and compiling of information. They stepped out and served by being part of the Kindle Fire Raffle benefiting the Fifth Grade Science Camp. The teens were thrilled to see the support the community had for the library's programs that benefit our youth.

NMB teens should join us, Speak-Up!



Special Events

HEART HEALTH WALK and HEALTH FAIR

Saturday, February 28, 2015
8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Senator Gwen Margolis Amphitheater
16501 NE 16th Avenue

Get moving at this FREE family event sponsored by the Commission on the Status of Women and the Greater NMB Chamber of Commerce.

YOUTH SYMPOSIUM

Friday, March 20, 2015
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Ronald A. Silver "Y.E.S." Center
17051 NE 19th Avenue

An open forum for teens ages 12-18 to discuss issues and concerns facing today's youth. The FREE event will feature guest speakers, activities and lunch for all participants.

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

Saturday, May 9, 2015
9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Marjorie and William McDonald Center
17051 NE 19th Avenue

Join us as we honor the mothers within the North Miami Beach Community with a FREE special breakfast featuring entertainment and raffles.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

Monday, May 25, 2015
10 a.m. to Noon

All Wars Memorial Park
16500 NE 16th Avenue

Join us as we pay tribute to the men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice while serving their country. This FREE service will include honor guard units, guest speakers, a 21-gun salute and special presentations.

Save the Dates

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2015

North Miami Beach
MAGICAL HISTORY TOUR
Begins and ends at the NMB Library

SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2015

North Miami Beach
COMMUNITY FESTIVAL
Hanford Boulevard (NE 164th Street)

For more information visit
www.citynmb.com



FACILITIES & ATHLETIC FIELDS

Allen Park/ DeLeonardis Youth Center (AP)

Dwight Jackson, Recreation Supervisor II
1770 NE 162nd Street
(305) 948-2927

Highland Village Community Center (HV)

Yasheka Nadal, Recreation Supervisor II
13621 NE 21st Avenue
(305) 948-2928

Marjorie & William McDonald Center (MCD)

Naomi Legagneur, Recreation Manager
17051 NE 19th Avenue • (305) 948-2972

Melissa "Missy" Williams/ Washington Park Community Center (WP)

Delven Patterson, Recreation Supervisor II
15290 NE 15th Court (305) 948-2943
or (305) 948-2915

Patricia A. Mishcon Athletic Field (PAM)

16601 NE 15th Avenue • (305) 948-2957

Ronald A. Silver "Y.E.S." Center (YES)

Naomi Legagneur, Recreation Manager
17051 NE 19th Avenue
(305) 948-2972 or (305) 948-2973

Uleta Park Community Center (UP)

Quavis King, Recreation Supervisor II
16880 NE 4th Avenue • (305) 652-3658

Disability Sports Program Gym @ Allen Park (AP)

Dwight Jackson, Recreation Supervisor II
1770 NE 162nd Street • (305) 948-2927

Judge Arthur Snyder Tennis Center (TEN)

Under the Management of "Sports Advisory Consultant Inc."
16851 West Dixie Highway.
(305) 919-0839

The Arthur I. Snyder Tennis Center is open to the public Monday thru Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Features and amenities include: 12 hydro-grid courts, pro shop, 6 hard courts, 12 lighted courts, 4 racquetball courts, 2 paddleball courts, ball machine and racquet rentals, men's and women's leagues, round robins, and shower and locker areas. Yearly memberships, classes and clinics are available for both NMB residents and non-residents. Please call for individual fees.

AQUATIC FACILITIES

Kevin Sims, Pool Manager

The City of North Miami Beach Aquatics Division offers a variety of swimming courses and activities for people of all ages. We offer a safe, clean and positive environment for recreational swimming and pool related activities. We provide a quality "Learn to Swim" program which adheres to the guidelines established by the American Red Cross. Certified life guards are always on hand to ensure safety at all our pools. Our pool facilities

include a variety of amenities, including locker rooms with changing areas, bathroom facilities, hot showers, lounging areas and pool lifts for those with special needs.

Uleta Pool (UPL)

16800 NE 4th Avenue • 305-652-6197
Facility equipped with picnic table area and tot lot. The Uleta Pool is **Closed for maintenance**. For more information call (305) 948-2926

Victory Pool Family Aquatic Center (VPL)

Keven Sims, Pool Manager
1980 NE 171st Street • 305-948-2926
or 305-948-2957 Open Year Round
Monday – Thursday, 1:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.
Friday, 1:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.
Saturday, CLOSED
Sunday, 1:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

The Victory Pool Family Aquatics Center has features fit for the entire family. There is the Little Lagoon for children 42 inches and smaller that features a slide and other activities in this zero depth pool. For children and adults 48 inches and above there are two tube slides that get you into the water in a quick and fun way. If you are looking to stay in shape you can take part in noon lap swim every Monday through Friday. The North Miami Beach Barracudas swim team practices from Monday to Thursday between the hours of 5:00 PM and 6:30PM.

If the activities at the pool are not enough to get you to the pool then the low prices will definitely have you grabbing a towel as you head out the door. At just \$2 for adults and \$1.50 for youth 17 and under or adults over 55, this is a bargain that makes it easy to beat the heat.

ADMISSION

17 and under\$1.50
18 - 54\$2.00
55 and older\$1.50

LAP SWIM

Daily\$1.75
Punch Card (24 visits)\$30.00

EXER-SWIM

3 Months (Mon., Wed., Fri.) ..\$15.00

SWIM LESSONS

2 Week session (Mon.-Thurs.) ..\$30.00

Washington Pool (WPL)

15290 NE 15th Court • 305-787-0599
20-yard pool and equipped with picnic table area. The Washington Park Pool is **CLOSED for maintenance**. For more information call (305) 948-2926

FOR THE FAMILY

Computer Lab

Open Monday - Thursday for students and adults for homework, projects and to e-mail family and friends. It is equipped with computers, printers, internet access, and various software programs. Call the location for individual hours. Locations: **UP, YES, AP, WP**

Bingo Family Night

Every Monday 6:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. FREE! Location: **HV**

Movie Night

First & Third Friday of the month • 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. FREE! Location: **HV**

ADULT ACTIVITIES

Ceramics

FREE for adult seniors. Tuesday & Thursday • 9:00 a.m. – Noon. Location: **WP**

"CHALLENGERS" (Sept. – June)

For physically and/or emotionally challenged adults ages 18 and up. Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the second Monday of each month. For information and transportation reservations, call Yasheka Nadal at (305) 948-2928. Location: **MCD**

Chess Club

FREE! Every Wednesday & Friday 6:00 p.m. – 8:45 p.m. Location: **MCD**

Commission on Aging

An opportunity for senior residents of North Miami Beach to have a voice in the services and programs offered to our seniors. Meetings are held every 3rd Wednesday of the month at City Hall 4th Floor. 10:00 a.m. Location: **CH**

Israeli Folk Dance

Beginners classes from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Intermediate and Advanced classes from 8:30 p.m. to 10:45 p.m. For more information call (305) 652-9738. Location: **MCD**

Jazzercise

Monday thru Thursday, 6:15 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. Saturday, 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Call (305) 947-7798 for individual fees. Location: **MCD**

Jewelry Making Classes

Every Tuesday of each month 6:45 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. • \$10.00 per person, per class. Call (305) 935-4364 for class fees. Location: **MCD**

Master Fencing Club

A fast growing fencing group which teaches and competes. Classes are held every Tuesday and Friday 6 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Call for fees and registration information. Location: **MCD**

North Dade Orchid Society

Fourth Monday of each month • 7:30 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. Location: **MCD**

NMB Women's Club

Meetings are on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. September - June. Location: **MCD**

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Join the Commission of Aging for senior activities such as luncheons, Meet and Mingles, and Field Trips. Call (305) 948-2972 for the current activity schedule, trip fees and registration information. .

ADULT SPORTS

Exer-Swim Classes

Every Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. For more information and individual fees call (305) 948-2926. Location: **VPL**

Weight Room

Monday - Friday 12:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Saturday 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
NMB Residents \$10 per month
Non Residents \$15 per month
A variety of free weights and exercise machines provide you with the tools needed to stay in shape or shed those last few pounds. Location: **AP**

Disability Sports Programs

This sports program is for disabled individuals and features Tandem Biking, Wheelchair Tennis, Vitaglide classes and a New Sports Gym. The gym offers equipment expressly designed for individuals in wheelchairs. All activities are FREE and are supervised by trained professional personnel. For registration information call (305) 948-2957.

SPORTS GYM & VITAGLIDE

Every Monday thru Friday from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, 12:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.
Location: **AP**

TANDEM BIKING

For visually impaired individuals.
Saturday, 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Location: **DSP**

WHEELCHAIR TENNIS

Every Saturday at Noon. Location: **TEN**

YOUTH SPORTS

Baseball - NMB Little League

For children ages 5 – 15 years old. Registration Fee: For more registration information contact Robert Goldfarb at (954)

224-3139 or visit nmbll.org.

Location: **PAM**

Basketball

(Open Gym) FREE!

Every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Location: **UP**

Cheerleading Class

Every Monday and Wednesday
For ages 8 - 11 • 5:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.
FREE! Location: **HV**

Intramural Basketball

Registration begins in January. FREE!
Call your local Community Center for Registration & Program information.
Locations: **UP, WP, YES, HV, AP**

Soccer

Mon. and Wed., 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
For children ages 5 – 18 and adults.
Registration is taken throughout the year.
Call Larry Kruger or Solana Hernandez at (786) 873-1917 for more information. Location: **PAM**

Swim Team

For ages 5 - 17 Monday – Thursday, from 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Call for individual fees. Location: **VPL**

Volleyball Night

Every Friday • 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
FREE! Location: **UP**

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS

Provides students with a variety of activities and programs to maintain interest and create an atmosphere where each child's need for self-expression and creativity can be met. This program is for children grades K-5 and held during the school year August – June. Program hours are Monday thru Friday • 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Uleta, Washington and YES Center provide transportation for students from local schools. For registration and fee information contact your local community Center or the Parks and R.E.C. Administrative Office.
Locations: **HV, UP, WP, YES**

TEEN PROGRAMS

For teens ages 13 – 18
Contact your local community center for information on the meeting dates and times. (September – June)
Locations: **UP, WP, YES, HV**

TRANSPORTATION

NMB-Line - FREE Adult Transportation
The NMB-Line is a weekday curb-to-curb van service available for North Miami Beach residents. Call for your application and schedule at (305) 957-3523

CAMP PROGRAMS

Spring Camp Break

March 23 - March 27, 2015
8:00AM - 6:00PM
Ronald A. Silver "Y.E.S." Center
17051 NE 19th Avenue

Register your child for the Park and R.E.C. Department's full day camp during spring break. Children will enjoy indoor and outdoor activities, field trips and special events. Please call (305) 948-2957 for camp fees and registration information. Space is limited, please register early!!! Location: **YES**

Summer Camp - Starts June 8th

EARLY REGISTRATION BEGINS IN MARCH! REGISTER EARLY AND SAVE!
Call (305)948-2957 for camp fees and registration information.