

Mayor and Council Adopt City's Strategic Plan

During much of 2014 the Mayor and City Council were involved with shaping the future of NMB by working with a professional facilitator to envision the future of our City. With the input of senior staff and through numerous public meetings, the Council shared their individual vision and ideals for the City and collaboratively formulated a set of principles into vision and mission statements that provided the framework for the City's strategic plan.

Our Mission is to provide excellent municipal services in a financially responsible and environmentally conscious manner while engaging our residents.

To further define North Miami Beach's Vision 2029 and mission statement, the City Council identified specific goals. Each goal was

used to develop specific actions and initiatives to ensure the City continues to progress toward, and complete, the stated goals.

NMB Goals 2019

- Financially Sound City Government
- The Place to Live: Beautiful, Safe and Livable
- High Performing City Organization Providing Great Customer Services
- Revitalized Downtown and Major Corridors

NORTH MIAMI BEACH VISION 2029

- North Miami Beach 2029 is the premier residential community in South Florida - the most beautiful and the safest.
- North Miami Beach 2029 has opportunities for active and healthy living and convenient mobility.
- North Miami Beach 2029 has a vibrant downtown and thriving major corridors.

What does this mean over the next 12 months to the City? A variety of actions were selected as top priorities and will be completed this year to ensure that the City continues to move forward toward the vision

developed by the Mayor and Council.

Strategic Plan Projects

Parks and Recreation Master Plan:

Great cities have great parks that provide active recreational options as well as passive and peaceful park options. A master plan will begin with public meetings to listen to the needs of our residents and compare the information with our current parks and the services offered. It will then review the layout, location and facilities of our parks and identify the

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Safety and a More Beautiful City are Key Highlights of 2015 Budget

Residents of North Miami Beach will not see any property tax increases this year.

What residents will see is an increase in police officers, Code and Building personnel as we focus on a safer and more beautiful North Miami Beach.

Additionally, our Fiscal Year 2014-2015 budget includes appropriations for the Parks Master Plan, a Landscape Master Plan, and key improvements to streets and sidewalks. "We continue to focus not just on budgeted dollars, but on opportunities to continue seeking grants from County and State sources," said City Manager Ana M. Garcia.

The City of North Miami Beach has applied for a State of Florida Historical Preservation Grant in the amount of \$225,000 to restore and repair its 90

year-old nationally recognized historical monument, known as the Fulford Fountain. An additional \$200,000 grant has been submitted to the Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program to fund improvements at Washington Park.

Both the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 budget and five year Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) were approved by Mayor and Council on September 23, 2014.

Additional highlights of the budget included water and wastewater system capital improvements plan for FY 2014-2015 (CIP Plan). This plan was completed to ensure investment in well planned, well maintained and upgraded infrastructure.

To learn more about the FY 2014-2015 budget, visit www.citynmb.com.



Receiving a \$359,500 check from the State of Florida is City Manager Ana M. Garcia, Councilman Anthony F. DeFillipo, Councilwoman Marlen Martell, Councilwoman Barbara Kramer, Mayor George Vallejo, Former State Representative Eduardo "Eddy" Gonzalez, State Representative Barbara Watson, Councilwoman Phyllis S. Smith, and Councilwoman Beth E. Spiegel.

Traffic Safety for the Holidays



by Mike Bolinger, Police Officer, NMB Traffic Homicide Unit

Dear Residents,

The holidays are fast approaching and in the coming days and weeks we will all have a lot of things that we need to do before settling down to a warm meal with family, loved-ones and friends. On behalf of Chief Dennis and the entire North Miami Beach police family please let me take this opportunity to discuss an important issue that is overlooked in our haste to get our shopping done... and that is traffic safety. The holidays are a time to give thanks and to spend time in the company of those we love and cherish, but it is an unfortunate fact that too many of our friends and neighbors needlessly perish in traffic-related incidents. My name is Michael Bolinger and for 25 years, I have had the pleasure of serving the citizens of North Miami Beach as a police officer. I have made many friends and seen many triumphant and uplifting things, but as a 16-year veteran of the Traffic Homicide Unit, I have also witnessed countless tragedies. I have seen far too many traffic crashes claim far too many innocent victims, almost all of which could have easily been prevented by following just basic common-sense advice. They call them "accidents" because you do not plan to have them. However, make no mistake they are usually caused by some deliberate action that failed to pay proper respect to the law and to some good old-fashioned advice that you probably heard more than once from your mother and father. At the risk of sounding like your mom and dad, here we go!

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Upcoming Events



NMB will become a Winter Wonderland with a snow mountain, ice skating, food vendors, bounce houses, DJ, arts and crafts, raffles, a Parade and much more!
Saturday, December 13, 2014
6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
Along 19th Avenue between 168th and 172nd St.

"HABLAMOS ESPAÑOL /
NOU PALE KREYÒL"
305-948-2900



Mayor George Vallejo

Dear Neighbors,

The renaissance of NMB continues! I am pleased to report that our city continues to accomplish more than ever while maintaining sound fiscal discipline.

Our new budget for 2015 is balanced and holds the line on property taxes even as it provides more services to our residents. This budget increases our number of police officers by 10% and provides funding for several major beautification projects citywide. These initiatives are all part of the Strategic Plan that the City Council unanimously adopted this year. Here are three more examples of major initiatives currently underway:

- **Parks Master Plan:** Quality parks are vital to a thriving community and we have launched a plan to evaluate and improve all our city parks to meet the needs of today's children and active adults. Our goal is a clean, safe, top-notch park available to each and every resident and neighborhood.
- **E.R.P. Project:** The "Enterprise Resource Planning" system replaces outdated 1980s technology with modern computer systems that will make information available at the click of a button. It will provide a quantum leap in service to residents and businesses anytime they deal with the City on issues like permits, business licenses and utility bills. In addition, it will provide the ultimate in financial transparency by letting you see

instantly where your tax dollars are going.

- **Citywide Re-zoning Overlay:** This ambitious project will update our decades-old zoning laws to today's standards in order to encourage modern, mixed-use projects along our main corridors while preserving our single-family neighborhoods. The new plan will unlock the potential of our world-class location and enhance the city by providing various options for housing, dining and entertainment right here in NMB.

The entire Strategic Plan is available on our web site at www.CityNMB.com. Please read it and call me at 305-948-2986 if you have any questions, suggestions or ideas. As we move forward with this plan, I will remain steadfast in the mission to make NMB the best place to live, work and raise a family.

As always, I thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Mayor. Happy Holidays to you and your family and I wish you a healthy and prosperous 2015.

Warmest regards, *George Vallejo*

George Vallejo, Mayor



City Manager Ana M. Garcia

city manager

This past September our Mayor and Council unanimously adopted North Miami Beach's Strategic Master Plan; the road map for the future of our City. The Mission of the North Miami Beach City Government is to provide excellent municipal services in a financially responsible and environmentally conscience manner, while engaging our residents.

Engaging our residents is of extreme importance to us as is keeping our residents, and business owners informed. We also want individuals who may be interested in our City to be aware of all that is going on in NMB. Marketing and Promoting our City is vital as we seek investors and wish to spread the word on the great programs, special events and opportunities available in our great City!

This past year we re-introduced our Community Newsletter, Cityline, which recently received an Award of Excellence in the category of 4-color Newsletters and Periodicals category by the Printing Association of Florida.

This year we will produce 4 Newsletters to keep you more informed than ever! Additionally, we are exploring the possibility of monthly electronic communication as well as enhancing our social media information and

reaching out to more and more of our residents and business community.

Our objective is to embark on an email seeking campaign with a Goal of building our contacts and providing you with information that is consistent and readily available to you. We have an ongoing goal to move our City forward while providing excellence in all areas of municipal services. We want to excel in our communication to you. Assist us in this endeavor by providing your name and email to us through our electronic notification system, Code Red. Sign up is easy through our website www.citynmb.com and visit the Quick Links section on the right, and click on the email notification button.

Wishing you the best, *Ana M. Garcia*

Ana M. Garcia, City Manager

OPENING A BUSINESS IS EASY IN NORTH MIAMI BEACH

The City of North Miami Beach is on the RISE! There are over 3,500 businesses in the city, and that number is increasing annually.

North Miami Beach is a multi-ethnic community with an integrated mix of cultures, ages, races, and ethnic background. The Mayor and City Council has a long-standing policy of supporting business growth in the city. As a part of that policy, the city strives to make the process of opening a business and obtaining a Business Tax Receipt as easy as possible.

The first step in opening a business in North Miami Beach is to apply for a Business Tax Receipt (BTR). An application for a BTR (formerly known as an occupational license) must be submitted to the Business Tax Receipt Division. In addition to filling out the application form, you will need to provide certain documents, which vary depending on such things as the type of business (e.g. retail store, restaurant, office), the form of business (e.g. corporation, partnership, sole proprietor), and the proposed location of the business.

Based on the information in the completed BTR application the Zoning Division will determine if the proposed use is allowed within the desired zoning district. This is important as Miami-Dade Department of Permitting, Environment and Regulatory Affairs (PERA) may have to sign off on your application and compare the potential sewage load of your proposed business with the business that formerly occupied the space (this requirement does not apply to all businesses). This is done in order to assess whether the building's drain field and septic tank have the necessary capacity. Normally, if the space you are contemplating renting is not a change of use

(i.e. retail to retail or office to office) there are no additional requirements from PERA. If there is a change of use additional requirements may be needed.

Some businesses may also require a Miami-Dade County Fire Department to sign off on the application. The Fire Department will be inspecting fire safety standards and life safety issues. Miami-Dade County Fire Department will enter your business information and location into their database and you will be given a fire inspection before opening your business.

For more information about the BTR process and application, please feel free to contact Marlene Rivera, Business License Specialist or Terry Campbell, BTR Code Compliance Officer at the Business Tax Receipt Division at 305-948-2917.

If you prefer to visit the BTR office in person, we are located at 17050 NE 19th Avenue, just across the street from City Hall. Enter from the southwest cor-



Left to Right: Terry Campbell, BTR Code Compliance Officer and Marlene Rivera, Business License Specialist

ner of the Public Services Building.

Our team of dedicated employees will welcome the opportunity to assist you and provide you any information you may need.

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City Develops Strategic Plan

specific investments and actions needed to make our parks system a great place for all to enjoy active and passive recreational activities.

Land Use and Rezoning:

Certain areas of our City were identified as needing updates to the zoning codes to help bring a vibrant downtown with thriving corridors to the City. A place that is walkable and inviting, with outdoor dining opportunities and offers mixed use developments to live and work.

Charter Review:

The City's Charter is being reviewed to help modernize the City's government structure. Workshops and hearings will be held for public input. The new Char-

ter will be developed and discussed publicly, then included on the May 2015 ballot for the voters to approve.

City Branding:

The City will develop and install newly designed entryway signs indicating when travelers have arrived to NMB.

This is just a highlight of some of the new initiatives. There are many other projects that will be accomplished this year including a renewed emphasis on Code and Police. This year's budget includes two additional Code Officers and eight additional Police Officers as we work to develop NMB toward our new vision as the "premiere residential community" and the "most beautiful and the safest" city in South Florida.

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City of North Miami Beach Flood Protection Information

Special Flood Hazard Areas

When the City's drainage system was built over 30 years ago, it could handle all but the largest storms. Heavy rains or continuous rainfall overloaded this aging system, and properties, particularly in low lying areas, causing flooding. In 2006, the City of North Miami Beach upgraded its storm water system to reduce flood levels and protect properties. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has designated certain areas within the City of North Miami Beach as "Special Flood Hazard Areas." Various portions of the city fall within different elevation requirements and are more or less likely to experience flooding.

Prepare to Be Safe When It Floods!

When flash flood or other flood notices are issued, there are safety precautions you can take to protect your family and property. Listed below are some actions you can take:

- Do not walk or drive through standing or flowing water. Downed power lines, sinkholes, or actual canals may exist that you cannot see.
- Avoid power lines that have fallen. They might still have power, and can cause electrocution.
- Turn off the power in your house. This includes propane and other gas tanks and lines.
- Watch your step in damaged and flooded areas. Slip and fall accidents are a leading cause of injuries after storms and other disasters.
- Use caution when approaching animals after a disaster. Even domesticated animals may react to stress by biting or attacking.
- Do not smoke or use candles or open flames in your home until you can be sure no gas leaks exist. If you suspect a gas leak, ventilate the home and other enclosed areas to dissipate the gas.
- If you need to evacuate, plan ahead by having an evacuation kit ready, and include medications, blankets, water, and other essentials you and your family will need. Contact relatives and let them know where you are going, and don't forget to shutter the house and take care of your pets before you go!

Flood Insurance Can Help You Recover from a Disaster!

Did you know homeowner's insurance policies do not cover flood damage? Disaster assistance programs will not cover all of your losses. However because the City of North Miami Beach participates in the National Flood Insurance Program, you can purchase a separate flood insurance policy. Federal law requires all properties located in the Special Flood Hazard Area that is secured by a federally backed mortgage (FHA, VA, FNMA, etc.) to carry flood insurance.

Flood insurance is backed by the federal government and is available to everyone, even for properties that have never flooded. Usually these policies only cover the building's structure and not the contents. Be sure you have content coverage and that the policy limits are sufficient to cover the present day value of your losses. You can cover your home's structure for up to \$250,000 and its contents for up to \$100,000. Business structures are covered up to \$500,000 Note: A policy will take 30 days from application to effective date of coverage.

Protect Your Property!

There are things you can do to minimize damage before the event occurs. Using some of the following techniques can be helpful to protect your home or business:

- For hurricanes and wind events, shutter your homes.
- Elevate all important furniture, appliances, and other electrical items.
- Re-grade your yard to direct storm water away from your house, but do not send this storm water to your neighbors!
- Put all low-lying electrical fixtures on separate circuits.
- Use sand bags around doors and low level windows.
- Build flood walls, berms or swales to direct storm-water to proper disposal areas.
- Buildings can also be permanently retrofitted by elevating the entire building, adding flood proofing materials to the building or adding a second story and using the bottom story for parking, access and storage. For more information contact the Public Utilities Department (305) 948-2967 or the City's Building Official (305) 948-2965.

Natural and beneficial functions of the Floodplain!

Floodplains in our City serve a beneficial purpose to our quality of life. These low areas are where rainfall goes to drain, and when the rainfall drains into the ground, this helps reduce flooding, and recharges our drinking water supply. Some examples of floodplains in North Miami Beach are the areas surrounding the Snake Creek Canal and Maule Lake.

These floodplains also serve as filters of storm-water runoff as it seeps through the ground and into our aquifer. This aquifer is our only source of drinking water, and this filtering helps contain pollution before it reaches our aquifer. It is important that we appreciate our floodplains, and try to maintain, preserve, and keep these areas clean whenever possible.

Listen for Flood "Warning Notices!"

The National Weather Service continually monitors local weather conditions. If major flooding is anticipated within the City, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) will broadcast notices like Flood Warning, Urban Flood Advisory or Flash Flood Warning Notices through television and radio stations, such as TV Channels 4, 6, 7 and 10, and radio stations such as WIOD (610 AM) and Big 105.9

(FM). These notices are intended to help residents prepare for the possibility of heavy flooding in their neighborhoods. The City recommends that residents tune into these broadcasts and prepare for flooding when it may occur. Warning times may be as long as five days for hurricanes, or one to two hours notice for flash floods and urban advisories. The key is to keep aware of these notices when watching, listening to or reading the various media sources.

Development Means Progress in Our City!

Did you know all new construction, even in low risk flood areas requires a building permit? Before you start to demolish, fill, construct an addition, or for any improvements you may be planning, please contact the City's Building Division, at (305) 948-2965 for the appropriate permit application. If you see construction occurring without permits, please report this to the City's Code Compliance Division, at (305) 948-2964. Remember, if a storm occurs, buildings constructed without the proper permits could cause damage to your home or other structures, and may be dangerous to the whole neighborhood!

Planning Home Improvements? Had Damage to Your Home or Business?

The City of North Miami Beach floodplain standards includes a rule that is known as substantial improvement/substantial damage. If your structure is substantially improved or substantially damaged, it will then have to comply with the current elevation requirements, and other floodplain requirements for that area. This is important for City residents and business owners to know because many structures built before these rules were created are below the required elevations. If the floodplain standards were applied to these structures they would have to be elevated to comply with current rules. Therefore it is important that we all know this rule, know the elevation of our structures, and how that elevation compares with the current standard. This is one reason an Elevation Certificate is so important for all property owners to have. After 1997 the Building Division has maintained elevation certificates (EC) for all buildings constructed or substantially improved.

Substantial Improvement is any combination of repairs, reconstruction, alteration, addition, or an improvement to a

building or structure, taking place during a (5) year period, in which the cumulative cost equals or exceeds fifty (50%) percent of the market value of a building, or structure before the "start of construction" of the improvement.

Substantial damage is damage of any origin sustained by a structure whereby the cost of restoring the structure to its before damaged condition would equal or exceed 50 percent of the market value of the structure before the damage occurred.

Help Us Keep Our Waters Clean!

Did you know that it is illegal to throw anything- ANYTHING AT ALL! into the lakes, canals, or other waters of the City? Do you know that nothing but storm water is allowed to go to the storm drains located in streets, rights-of-way, and parking lots? Dumping of materials into our waters or drains pollutes these waters, clogs our storm drains, and leads to increased flooding in our neighborhoods. Please report any discharges to bodies of water or storm drains to the County's 24-hour complaint telephone number, 305-372-6955, or Crime Stoppers at 305-471-TIPS.

Understanding Your Flood Zones

To identify a community's flood risk, FEMA conducts a Flood Insurance Study. The study includes information on canal and stream flows, storm tides, hydrologic/hydraulic analyses and rainfall topographic surveys. FEMA uses this data to create the flood hazard maps-the Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps (DFIRMS) that outline your community's different flood risk areas. FEMA periodically updates those maps.

Here are the definitions for all flood zone designations shown in the City of North Miami Beach:

Zone AE

Base Flood Elevations determined

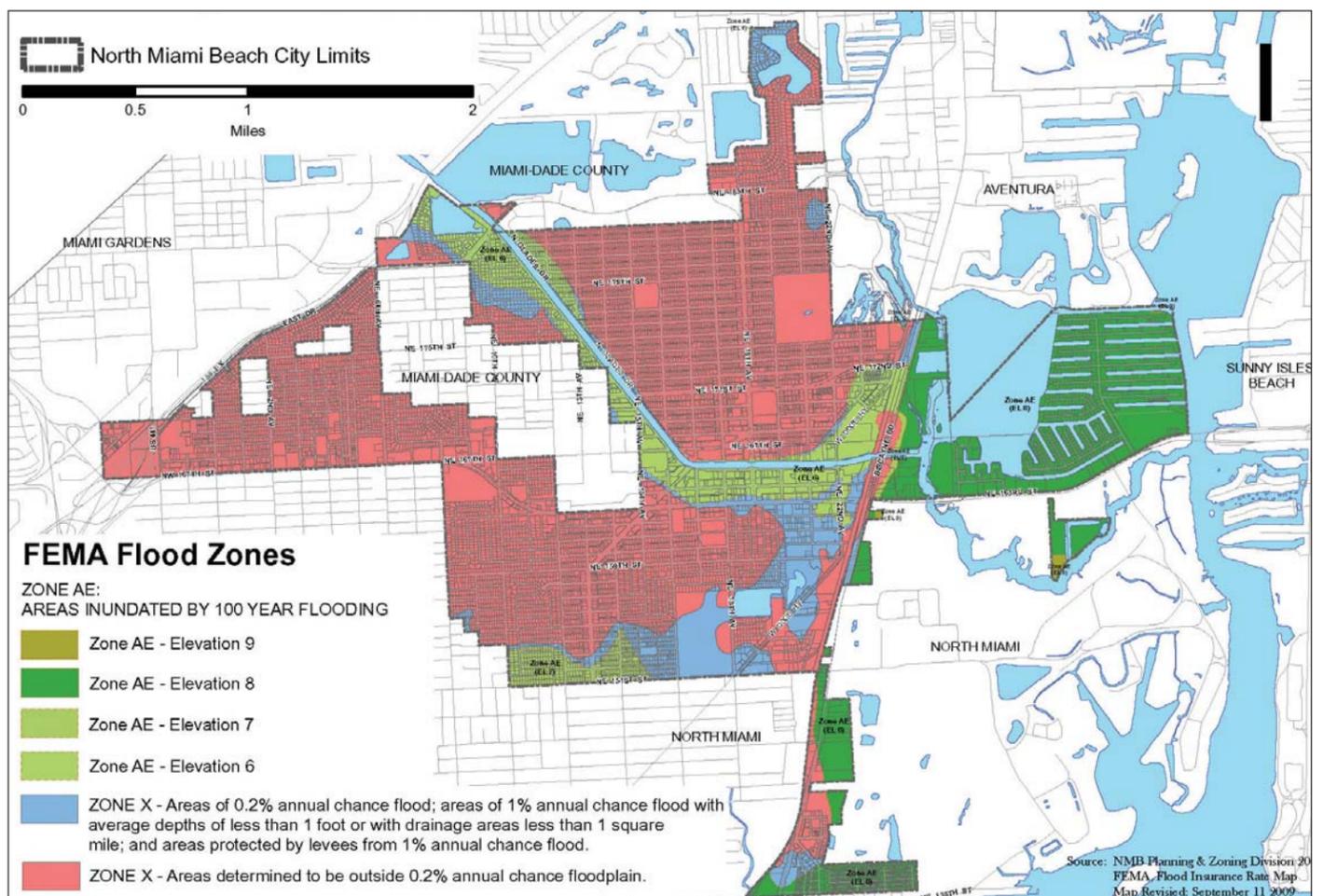
Zone X (Shaded)

Areas of 0.2% annual chance flood; areas of 1% annual chance flood with average depths of less than 1 foot or with drainage areas less than 1 square mile; and areas protected by levees from 1% annual chance flood.

Zone X (Unshaded)

Areas determined to be outside of the 0.2% annual chance floodplain.

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Traffic Safety Tips for the Holidays

Pedestrian Safety Tips:

- 1.) Don't rely on drivers to avoid you. As a pedestrian, you have the most to lose; do all you can to avoid cars in traffic at all times. Never take chances. Always err on the side of caution.
- 2.) Look carefully both ways before crossing - look left, right and then left again. Remember, you can't ever be too careful. This gives you the best chance to avoid danger.
- 3.) Cross the roadway at a marked crosswalk whenever possible, and make sure to use pedestrian crossing signals when they are provided.
- 4.) If no crosswalk is provided, then be sure to cross the road perpendicularly and by the shortest route possible. The less time you spend in the roadway, the better.
- 5.) If walking at night, always wear brightly-colored clothes and walk under and around street lights to increase your visibility. A driver can't avoid, what a driver can't see.
- 6.) When crossing an especially wide roadway, plan to cross the roadway

in two sections. Stop halfway and use the center median as a "safe spot" to check for traffic before continuing your journey.

And we're done. Pretty simple, huh?

Anyone who walks around or near traffic would be well-served to remember these very simple and easy to follow rules. If you keep these six little tips in mind at all times, I assure you that your chances of being struck by a car in traffic are virtually zero.

Now, for you drivers, here are a few words of sage advice that I have for you.

Traffic Safety Tips for Motorists:

- 1.) Always drive defensively. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, and the best way to survive a traffic crash is to not have one in the first place.
- 2.) Exercise patience. Allowing yourselves just a few extra minutes to arrive at your destination makes all the difference in the world.
- 3.) Because pedestrians have the most to lose, does not mean they will always act accordingly...so expect the unexpected. Hope for the best,

but plan for the worst.

- 4.) A distracted driver is a dangerous driver. Pay attention to the road. Wireless devices or other distractions are almost as dangerous as speeding
- 5.) Reduce your speed to account for traffic, weather and road conditions. Traffic crash avoidance boils down to two very simple things, time and distance. The faster you drive, the less time you have to perceive danger and the longer it takes to stop. The faster you drive, the greater the chance you cause damage, injury or death. Speed literally kills!

In my experience there is usually more than one thing that causes a traffic crash, but the one thing that has caused or contributed to almost every single crash I've investigated is SPEED. The faster you're traveling then the less time you have to perceive danger, the less time you have to react to danger, the more ground you cover while perceiving and reacting to the danger and the more damage you cause when you ultimately crash into something or

someone. Reducing your speed gives you more time to see danger, to react to it and if you are involved in a crash then you will absolutely cause less damage and be less likely to harm yourself or others. If you remember nothing else I've said, remember this!

Okay, class is dismissed. Now, let's get back to shopping for a turkey, buying gifts and planning for a happy, joyous and SAFE holiday season. From my family here at the North Miami Beach police department to you and your family, we wish you all the very best and we look forward to ringing in a new year that will deliver hope, health and prosperity to all.

Happy Holidays from the men and women of your North Miami Beach Police Department.

Join us for our
Community Safety Day Parade
December 13, 2014 at 6 P.M.
NE 19th Ave Between 168th and 172nd Streets

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Flood Protection Information

Be Aware!

In the event of a Category 4 or 5 Hurricane, if you must evacuate, shelter information will be broadcast at the time of emergency. Citizens may always contact the Police and Fire Departments. Below are some important phone numbers:
Police Department(305) 949-5500

Streets and Storm Water

.....(305) 948-2942
Building Department... (305) 948-2965
Planning and Zoning Division
.....(305) 948-2966
Code Compliance Division
.....(305) 948-2964
Community Redevelopment Agency
(CRA)(305) 787-6053

Financial Assistance Programs

There are a few websites that can assist in finding out if you are eligible for grants or disaster assistance. www.mysafefloridahome.com and www.fema.gov

The following website is available to assist residents with flood protection: www.citynmb.com Simply click on the "Residents" tool bar and scroll down to "Flood Protection".

The City of North Miami Beach also has a free service to help you look at ways to protect your property from flooding. To use this service please call (305) 354-4456. You can also obtain additional information from the North Miami Beach Main Library in the Floodplain Management / Community Rating System - reference section. The library can be reached by calling (305) 948-2970.

Get connected with CITYNMB.COM

The website www.citynmb.com is a great way to stay connected with the City of North Miami Beach. The latest developments demonstrate our commitment in providing both accessibility and financial transparency at all levels. We now post Monthly Check Registers, Quarterly Financial Reports, Adopted Budgets and Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports on the website. Here is where you will find a variety of information about NMB: www.citynmb.com/e-gov.

The E-gov services link is your shortcut to locate past City Council meetings, meeting agendas, minutes and more. You will also find links for paying your water bill online, job openings, current bids, E-Policing, E-Permits and much more.

The City of North Miami Beach Parks & R.E.C. Department in conjunction with the North Miami Beach Police Department presents

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COMMUNITY SAFETY DAY PARADE AT 6:00PM
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DON'T DISCARD USED MOTOR OIL

Recycle it!

It's easy!

Help protect our drinking water.

There are more than 100 facilities in Miami-Dade County that accept and recycle used motor oil. Locate a company that recycles used oil near you by calling the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's (FDEP) Used Oil Hotline.

1-800-741-4DEP.



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

(305) 372-6955.

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.

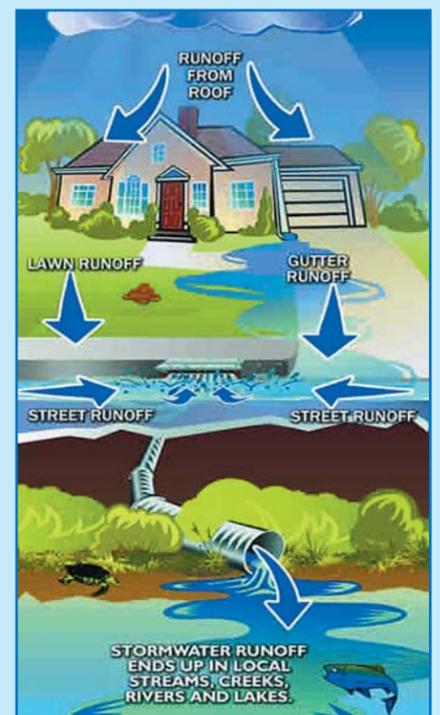
This process causes more than half of the pollution to our water bodies.

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, & 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 (305) 372-6955.



THE IMPORTANCE OF CODE COMPLIANCE

Code Compliance Officers are often asked to embody many roles within the context of their duties. In any given day, they may function as problem solvers, communicators, mediators, researchers, and educators within their role as a Code Compliance Officer. In the community, Code Compliance Officers also perform a variety of functions related to their role as public servants.

The most obvious function of code compliance within communities is controlling the battle against blight. Code Compliance Officers have a very visible role in the community from the standpoint that the decisions they make and how effectively they perform their duties can have a major impact on the property values and image of the community. Code Compliance Officers support and enhance property values through effective enforcement of property standards, while working to keep aging buildings, homes, and properties from deteriorating and becoming "eyesores" to the community. Every community faces struggles with vacant buildings, trash, tall grass and weeds, graffiti, and inoperable vehicles. Studies have shown that communities that have areas of blight and deteriorated properties may eventually see an increase in the amount of crime and a significant decrease in property values. Code Compliance Offi-

cers provide the first line of action in making sure that these issues are managed in a responsible and effective way.

Safety is another one of the primary ways that Code Compliance Officers positively impact communities.

Effective code enforcement initiatives seek to achieve voluntary compliance as a means of avoiding other punitive methods of enforcement, while still accomplishing what is best for the community in terms of public health and safety. It can be, and often is, a very arduous and intensive task.



Code Compliance Officers have a very intricate, challenging, and demanding role. It is a job that is constantly evolving and changing. Code Compliance Officers provide communities with intrinsic and tangible benefits which can profoundly impact and enhance the quality of life, health and safety of the residents. With the support of community members, legislators, businesses, residents, and fellow employees, others can come to understand, appreciate, and respect the contribution and service that Code Compli-

ance Officers provide to society and to their communities.

The South Florida Association of Code Enforcement (SFACE) is a chapter of Florida Association of Code Enforcement (FACE). SFACE members include professionals involved in the enforcement of health, safety, and environmental regulations or otherwise responsible for the enforcement of municipal, county, regional, state, or federal codes in Miami-Dade and Monroe County. In September 2014, the South Florida Association of Code Enforcement swore in new Board Members for fiscal year 2014-2015, including our very own Candido Sosa-Cruz, Director of Code Compliance & Building Services.

For more information about Code Compliance in the City of North Miami Beach, please contact Candido Sosa-Cruz, Director of Code Compliance & Building Services at

candido.sosa-cruz@citynmb.com or call 305-948-2964.

From Left to Right:
 Sergeant at Arms - Maurice Murray from North Bay Village
 Treasurer - Maria Ayala from Town of Medley
 Secretary - Lori Mobley from Bal Harbour
 2nd Vice President - Candido Sosa-Cruz from North Miami Beach
 1st Vice President - Joe Damien from Town of Surfside
 President - Mercedes A. Carcasses from City of Miami Beach
 Immediate Past President - Carmen Baker is now the CEO for PD2 Process Design & Development LLC

spotlight ON NORTH MIAMI BEACH

The importance of Family Literacy

Research shows that avid readers achieve greater success than non-readers. As parents we struggle with the brief time that we have to dedicate to homework, chores, work, and downtime with our children. Reading can many times be pushed off to a bed-time chore for the child to complete on his or her own. However, when we do this we are short-changing their future and our own.

"When you open a book for your child and share it in reading, you're giving shape and dimension to the routine events of everyday life, making it possible for your child to discover the meaning of childhood.

Regina Higgins, author of *Magic Kingdoms* writes - *Books can make a favorite toy as full of life as Winnie-the-Pooh, turn*

a backyard into Wonderland, or a porch in Captain Hook's pirate ship. Books place your child at the center of the world of imagination.

What are the benefits of demonstrating to our children how we read to stay connected? What are the benefits of reading with them? What are the benefits of bringing them to the library and choosing a book for fun? What are the benefits of discussing a story read or shared? What is the benefit of attending a Story Time? Well research shows that children who watch their parents engage in reading activities or who actively participate in their child's reading time do better in school and become avid readers. And, What are the benefits of children being an avid reader?

Well they:

- Have an easier time overall in processing information whether spoken or written.
- Read better, write better and concentrate better.
- They are quicker to see subtleties.
- Develop many interests and do well in a wide variety of subjects.
- Develop empathy, the ability to understand how other people think and feel.
- Acquire the ability to sift information and to understand how unrelated facts can fit into a whole.
- Tend to be more flexible in their thinking and more open to new ideas.
- Exhibit greater creativity when seeking solutions.
- Weather personal problems better without their schoolwork being affected.

And, with the explosion of information in the workplace, only avid readers can stay well informed with relative ease. That means that all of us, not just children will find a greater measure of success and satisfaction both personally and professionally when we are avid readers.

It is never too late to begin. Regardless of your age or the age of your child, reading a book together or merely an adage as you discuss something you've read has immense benefits for skills and relationship. Pick up the paper, read their assignments, or drop by the library and choose something new. No time, you say, Nonsense! Your NMB Library has eBooks you can download or read from home for both you and your child. You will be rewarded for the time spent together, and the growth in abilities for years to come.

What's Trending with NMB Teens? NMB Library's Teen Lab

North Miami Beach teens have a need and desire to participate in their community. They also need a place to hang out, complete assignments, and collaborate for academic success. Alexis Montes de Oca, a teen already volunteering at the library discussed the need with the staff and started the ground work on developing a program known as NMB LibraryTeen Lab.

The NMB Teen Lab provides students with an opportunity to make new friends, express ideas, develop programming, support current library programs, and obtain service hours. The opportunity increases the Teens' confidence, presentation skills and influence and service in the community

Tiffany Veillard, another volunteer, and Alexis began to pass the word around at their school. The NMB staff developed the guidelines and the programming needs. The result? The col-

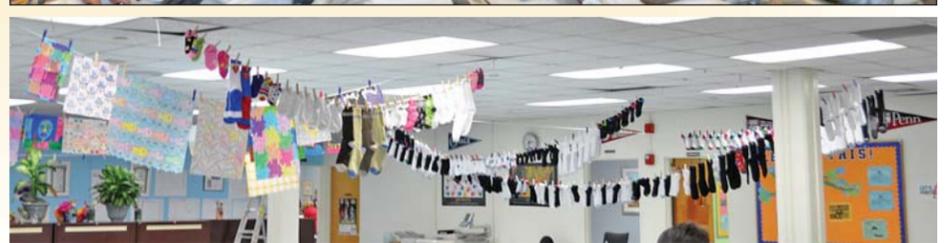
laboration was a success! Additional teens from NMB joined the program and have begun to consider areas where they may be of service. They have sponsored NMB Library's first International Game Day Celebration, which took place on November 15th, and are planning a day in which to provide technology assistance in January.

The NMB Teen Lab is now sponsoring several programs. Teens will receive a visit from a College counselor that will explain how to complete a successful college application.

Teens desiring to impact the NMB community are invited to join the NMB Library Teen Lab. Meetings are held the first Thursday of every month at 6:00 p.m. Teens enjoy snacks while planning for programs that will benefit their academic success as well as exploring new ways to be of service to NMB.



Councilwoman Barbara Kramer with socks collected from her "Socks on a String" campaign to help the homeless. A total of 2,075 pairs of socks were gathered from local schools in North Miami Beach and from drop off centers around the City.



Highland Oaks Middle School participates in this year in "Socks on a String" sock drive for the homeless with a donation of 273 pairs of socks.

city scene

NMB



L to R: Councilwoman Phyllis S. Smith, Councilwoman Marlen Martell, Vice Mayor Barbara Kramer, and Councilman Anthony F. DeFillipo getting into the spirit of the Monster Mash Bash event.

Monster Mash bash was a dazzling success with over 3,000 people attending the annual event..

Kids take a spin (right) on one of the many rides at the event. >



The Police Chief, Deputy Chief and an additional 6 Community Policing Units, were all in the neighborhoods as part of our Pumpkin Patrol, ensuring the safety of our children and our NMB community



Honoring our Veterans at the North Miami Beach Veterans Day Service on November 11, 2014. From left to right Vice Mayor Barbara Kramer, Councilwoman Marlen Martell, Mayor George Vallejo, Councilman Frantz Pierre, Councilwoman Phyllis S. Smith, Councilman Anthony F. DeFillipo, Councilwoman Beth E. Spiegel, and former City Councilman Kenneth DeFillipo.



The Greater North Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce Executive Office Director Zully Gonzalez pitches in to hand out backpacks at the NMB Backpack giveaway.



Backpack Giveaway and Health Fair.



Parks and R.E.C. Summer Camp Show.



The Domestic Violence Awareness Walk took place on October with hundreds of walkers of taking over NE 163rd Street to take a stand against domestic violence.



North Miami Beach Councilwoman Marlen Martell (in blue) works next to State Senator Barbara Watson in packing food at the FARMSHARE food distribution event on November 14th.

public utilities

Meter Replacement Project Updates

The North Miami Beach Water Utility's meter replacement project is moving along as planned, with nearly 30 percent of the 30,000-automated Meter Reading (AMR) meters already installed.

The City's contractor, Pedal Valves, Inc., began installing the new AMR meters in the western side of the distribution system last August, and they will be working their way eastward throughout the year. To see a map of their progress, visit www.citynmb.com, and click on the AMR Water Meter Installation link in the Public Notices section on the right side of the page. This link will also take you to the AMR meter Frequently Asked Questions page.

Pedal Valve contactors will notify you via door hanger when they are changing out meters in your area. They will give you a few days advance notice. A meter replacement takes approximately

30 minutes on average. Since meters are located outside your home, technicians will not need to enter your house. We would like to note that all Pedal Valve technicians and North Miami Beach Water Utility staff have proper identification.

Shortly after receiving your AMR water meter, your water consumption will be sent wirelessly over a secure radio frequency to the water utility. Since AMR meters collect water consumption information every hour, customers will have the convenience of knowing how much water they are using in near real time.

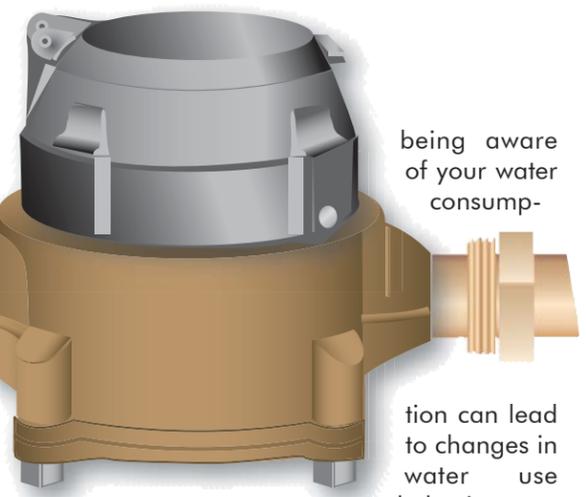
With this knowledge, they will be able to adjust their consumption habits, and/or identify leaks before the bill arrives.

A web page will be available around August of 2015, which will give customers the ability to log in and see what's happening with their water use, down to the hour! The web page will allow cus-

tomers to log into their account and view current and past water usage, set water consumption alerts, and much more. Once you set up your account page online, you'll even be able to access your water usage from a tablet or your smart phone.

As with all new meters, water consumption will be accounted for with the utmost accuracy. Older meters tend to slow down in age, which would be an indication that the old meter was underreporting usage. In some cases, once a new meter is in place, a customer may see a water use increase. That would be an indication that the old meter was underreporting usage.

But it's important to point out that

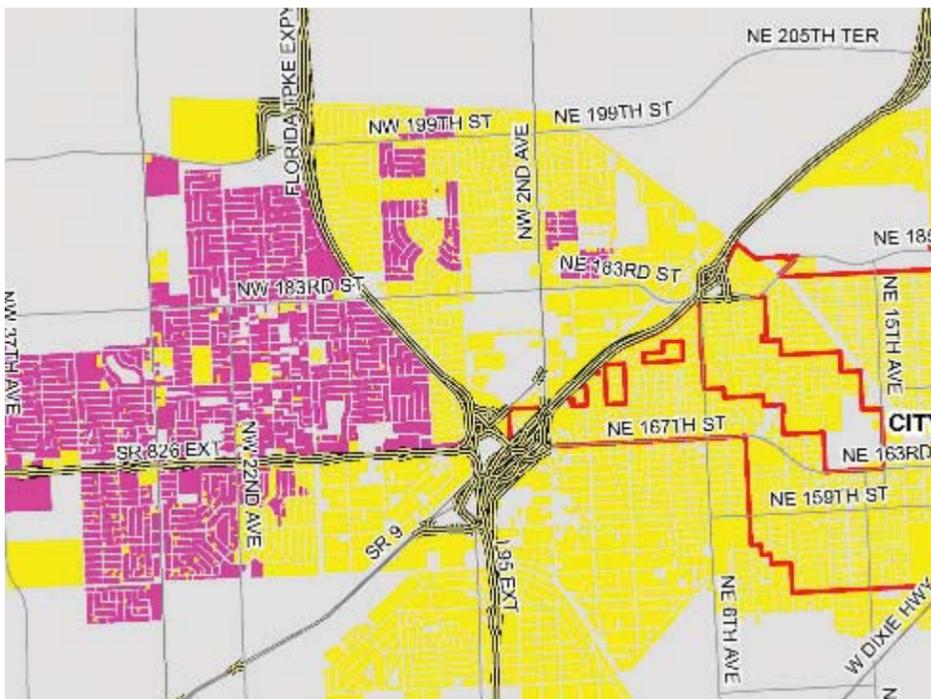


being aware of your water consumption

can lead to changes in water use behaviors,

which can ultimately lead to lower water bills.

In the end AMR meter technology will save labor time, prevent any recording errors, decrease wear and tear on vehicles, and minimize the need for the water utility to go on the private property of customers every three months to obtain a water meter reading.



The map above is an example of what you will find on the City's website under the Public Notices section on the main page. The magenta represents the area where meters have been replaced, the yellow areas indicates future installations.

public works

Snake Creek Improvements



If you have been along the Snake Creek Canal bike path lately, you have seen some beautiful changes to the landscape. The canal improvement initiative includes landscape maintenance work along the canal banks as well as waterway maintenance.

In the past, the canal banks have not been trimmed along the water's edge. This gave the waterway a weedy, unkempt appearance. Over the past two months, the City's Public Works crews have trimmed the canal banks as well as the trees on the swales flanking the waterway.

The banks now have a "cleaner" look, providing unimpeded view of the water's edge. Visitors to the canal can now better see and appreciate aquatic life and the activity of birds near the water's edge. The results have been very well received based on informal input from residents.

Esmond Scott, the Public Works Director is currently working with the South Florida Water Management District to identify ways to better maintain this scenic waterway in our City. Additionally, improved efforts in litter and weed control programs will further enhance the aesthetics of this valuable natural asset.

COME OUT AND BE PART OF THE FUTURE OF NMB PARKS

Please join City staff and consultants from Atkins as we begin the first phase of the master planning process for the future of our Park and R.E.C. Facilities. Your input is very important to us, so please consider attending one of the meetings. Your input will provide the Mayor and Council with recommendations for the future of our city parks as well as future acquisition of park land.

The process of our Parks Master Plan as well as the adoption of the plan will put NMB on a path to identify funding, seek more grants and allow us to take the necessary steps to achieve a world class parks system.

According to City Manager Ana M. Garcia, great cities are measured by several key factors, one of which is parks that are beautiful, safe and provide diverse active and passive recreational, cultural and social opportunities for everyone.

"We are looking forward to this exciting journey that will involve vision, ideas and feedback from our residents and key stakeholders in the community," said Paulette Murphy, Director of Parks and R.E.C. "This master plan will provide an overall vision for our parks system and create a "Parks Legacy" for generations of residents to enjoy," she added.

The initial two meetings took place in November, but there's still time to participate in one of the two upcoming December meetings:

Tuesday, December 9, 2014
Highland Village Community Center
from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

13651 NE 21st Avenue, North Miami Beach, FL

Wednesday, December 10, 2014
Uleta Park from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

386 NE 169th Street, North Miami Beach, FL

Let's build a better NMB together! Come out and be a part of the future of NMB parks. For additional information please call (305) 948-2957.

(See below for our online survey)

The future of NMB Parks MASTER PLAN SURVEY

We want to listen to your ideas on planning for future Parks and R.E.C. improvements, programs, and other investments in the community.

Let your voice be heard!
Take our online survey starting
November 24, 2014.

www.nmbsurvey.org

Even if you do not currently use our parks, trails, and recreation programs, we would still like to hear from you.





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 II
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 II
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 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**

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) 948-2943. 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

Activities run from October through May. For more information on the Commission on Aging Activities call (305) 948-2972.

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**

Flag Football

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

Intramural Basketball

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

Soccer

Monday and Wednesday, 6 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 5 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 school. For registration and fee information contact your local community Center or the Leisure Services 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

LIBRARY PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

North Miami Beach 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 children's section, 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 for which Sundays. Computer catalog at www.nmbllib.com