

City of North Miami Beach Welcomes New City Manager

Ana M. Garcia was appointed the North Miami Beach City Manager on Tuesday, August 27, 2013, in front of a packed council chamber. Attending the Swearing-In ceremony included guests from Ms. Garcia's family and friends. The evening included an impressive number of former colleagues, employees and immediate supervisors who came out in support of Garcia's selection.

Joining us were the Mayors and Council members from all her former cities, including the Village of Biscayne Park where Garcia served as City Manager for four years, as well as officials from Palmetto Bay and the City of South Miami. She served a combined tenure of 12 years as South Miami's Director of Parks and Recreation, Community Services Director and Assistant Village Manager in Palmetto Bay.

"Ms. Garcia has a great reputation of getting things done and leaving a legacy wherever she has served," said Mayor George Vallejo.

When asked about priorities, Manager Garcia eluded to our strategic planning session scheduled for January, where senior management and our Mayor and Council will meet in a workshop setting to plan the future of our City.

"I am here to move North Miami Beach forward and to lead this team to new heights by ensuring that we provide the best services in the most efficient and effective way possible," stated Ms. Garcia. "NMB needs to be a destination where economic development and great businesses complement our neighborhoods and our beautiful parks, a place where public safety and a vibrant community thrive."



City Manager Ana M. Garcia



Police Chief Scott Dennis

Police Chief Dennis Takes Command

North Miami Beach Police Chief J. Scott Dennis was sworn-in to office on December 3, 2013, stepping into the top post that was formerly held by Chief Larry Gomer, who retired in November.

Previous to his new position, Chief Dennis served the public for 29 years with the Miami-Dade Police Department (MDPD). His assignments included uniform patrol, investigations, and administrative functions in the Kendall, South, Northside, Northwest, Intracoastal and Carol City Districts.

He was instrumental in the formation of the South Dade Neighborhood Policing Unit, the Intergovernmental Bureau, and the Palmetto Bay Policing Unit. Chief Dennis was the Commander for the Palmetto Bay Policing Unit where he served as the municipality's chief law enforcement officer. During his tenure in Palmetto Bay, Chief Dennis implemented a multitude of initiatives with a focus on Community Policing and proactive crime prevention programs.

"Chief Dennis is a team player, and a knowledgeable and passionate leader," stated North Miami Beach City Manager Ana M. Garcia.

He attended the Metropolitan Police Institute's Executive Development program, and earned a Bachelors of Science degree in Criminal Justice Management from Union Institute and University.

"I look forward to leading this Department in furthering the bridge building efforts with the community, particularly with the youth," said Chief Dennis.

HEART HEALTH WALK



The Center for Disease Control and Prevention reports, one out of every four women die because of heart-disease related illnesses. In fact every year, more women die from heart disease than any other female-related cancers combined.

In an effort to bring awareness of heart disease, the City of North Miami Beach Commission on the Status of Women, Councilwoman Beth E. Spiegel, liaison, will host the City's first-ever Heart Health Walk on Saturday, February 22, 2014 at the Gwen Margolis Amphitheater, 16501 NE 16th Avenue right in the heart of North Miami Beach. The Heart Health Walk will last from 8 a.m. to 12 noon and the actual walk will commence at 9 a.m. This walk is a free, family-friendly event open to all age groups. The 2.6 mile walk will follow the paved trails along the banks of Snake Creek Canal. Participants will begin and end at Gwen Margolis Amphitheater.

Amphitheater gates will open promptly at 8 a.m. for walkers to register and allow attendees time to 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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NMB WINS ACHIEVEMENT OF EXCELLENCE AWARD FOR COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT

The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to the City of North Miami Beach by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012. An Award of Financial Reporting Achievement has been sent to City of North Miami Beach Finance Director Janette Smith for her lead role in preparing the award-winning CAFR.

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

The CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR. The GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving approximately 17,500 government finance professionals with offices in Chicago, IL, and Washington, D.C.

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NMB in 2014: Moving in the Right Direction!

Dear Neighbor,
Happy New Year! As we commence 2014, I am happy to report that the City of North Miami Beach is moving forward in the right direction. In the past, NMB has had to contend with some of the toughest financial challenges in our city's history. Although it has not been easy getting to this point, the good news is our city is now on a sustainable course. Now it's time to improve our great city's quality of life as we move towards the future.

For several years, the City has watched neighboring cities grow and prosper, leaving us behind. It is my esteemed pleasure to relay to you that those days are over. Thanks to a City Council that has a shared vision of moving NMB forward, we are finally seeing a significant increase of new businesses and economic development. These investments in NMB demonstrate that our collective efforts to make our city more business-friendly are paying off. I consider this the first phase of the "North Miami Beach Renaissance."

As your Mayor, I am very focused on bringing about this rebirth of North Miami Beach to fruition. In the near future, I envision a city that is safer, cleaner and more beautiful; a city with great neighborhoods, parks, public spaces and a thriving local business climate that offers economic opportunities for all of our residents. These things, coupled with our great location and our vibrant multi-cultural mix of residents, will help us form one of the premier cities in South Florida.

Ensuring the NMB renaissance requires a new approach. We can no longer accept a "status quo" attitude from City Hall. You deserve better. You deserve no less than top-quality municipal services, delivered professionally and effectively.

Leading these efforts is our new city manager, Ana M. Garcia. Ms. Garcia has a proven track record of building strong, effective management teams that have delivered real results. We are all very excited that Ms. Garcia is the change agent we need at City Hall. In addition, we have a new police chief, Scott Dennis, a 30-year law enforcement veteran. Keeping our families safe is one of the most important functions of your city government, and we are confident that Chief Dennis is up to the task.

I also want to recognize all of the other dedicated city employees who have served us admirably during these recent, sometimes turbulent, years. They do a great job, and I very much appreciate all of their hard work and commitment.

In 2014, we will prepare the City's first-ever strategic plan. I would like to hear from you. What improvements, changes or new services are important to you? Please feel free to call my office at 305-948-2986 or email NMBmayor@citynmb.com

I want to make it clear that although we have made great progress, we still face many tough challenges and difficult decisions ahead and I assure you the City Council and I will remain focused on making NMB a great place to live, work and raise your family. I thank you for the honor to serve as your Mayor and I assure you we will continue to work hard at realizing NMB's renaissance.

Sincerely,

George Vallejo

George Vallejo

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Commitment to Excellence



Participants from the City's first NMB Leadership Training Program class proudly display their diploma on graduation day.

Since joining the City of North Miami Beach a few months ago, Human Resources Director Rose Amberson, MSW, GPHR, has learned a great deal about the team dynamics, management strengths and opportunities, and quality services here at the City. Amberson eagerly states that even with an outstanding organization, there is always room for improvement and together, the truly dedicated and talented employees and leaders of North Miami Beach will rise to the challenges ahead.

To that end, the City of North Miami Beach's Human Resources Department is actively working to further enhance an organizational culture that fosters the exceptional service which North Miami Beach citizens deserve. This purpose cannot be achieved without effective management, a sincere appreciation for

employees who have a passion for service, and efficient organizational systems.

So, provided at no additional cost to the City, we have created and implemented a comprehensive leadership development program. The Leadership Institute is a program designed to strengthen our manager's leadership skills, allowing them to be highly effective in their jobs, and in turn help employees excel. In 2014 we will continue this program, extending it to the supervisory level. Additional internal training and development programs will be offered for management and staff, as well.

Our newly introduced "Team NMB Gives Back!" initiative reinforces the service ethic in employees, providing the chance to go above and beyond their regular duties in order to give back to our NMB community. Team members

participated in a Thanksgiving Food Drive where everyone came together in a joint effort across departmental lines to donate, decorate, and deliver food baskets to NMB residents. Similarly, team members also contributed their time and effort gathering articles of clothing for the City's Winter Clothing Drive. The Human Resources Department is thoroughly excited to promote the spirit of service with additional opportunities for Team NMB Gives Back in 2014! Service standards for all employees will also be developed in a joint, collaborative effort, clearly defining the expectations for outstanding customer service which residents deserve.

Our commitment to excellence also demands the right organizational structure, tools, and processes at a fiscally responsible rate. The Human Resources Department is working with Department Leaders to examine these issues area by area, looking for ways to improve our efficiency. Additionally, policies and procedures are being examined and updated across the City, to align with best practices in the marketplace.

We will strive to retain and recruit the best in order to deliver excellence in all municipal services.

According to Amberson, "Continuous improvement is an ongoing process and the City is committed to ensuring our management team, employees, and organizational policies are all aligned to bring you the best possible services as we move the City forward together."

Legislative Priorities for North Miami Beach

Each year the City of North Miami Beach solicits elected officials in Tallahassee for state funding on important city projects, known as legislative priorities. Many of these legislative priority projects are critical to the economic growth of the City. In 2014, the City presented four projects requesting financial assistance for each project.

Two of the four legislative priority projects include proposals to install sewers in two commercial areas along major corridors. One project is located on 19th Avenue, between 181st and 185th Streets, and the other along NE 163 Street, between NE 17th and 21st

Avenues. Such infrastructure improvements will allow local businesses the opportunity to develop additional services and expand their current operations. Total cost for the two projects is approximately \$1.4 million, with a \$700,000 funding match requested from the state.

The other two priorities include a vital stormwater project for the Highland Village neighborhood and the restoration of our historical fountain. The stormwater project is crucial and will benefit Highland Village, which in the past, was besieged by flooding even in the smallest rain shower. The estimated cost of

this infrastructure improvement is \$1.9 million, and we seek 100 percent funding from the state.

The historical fountain which was built in 1925, is a focal point for locals and visitors. The fountain is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is in need of repairs. The estimated project cost is \$205,000, which the City is seeking full support from the state. Additionally, the City will be actively seeking grants.

The combined funding efforts between the City and the state will provide the needed stimulus for business growth, job creation and enhanced community vitality.

HUNDREDS ATTEND ANNUAL COMMUNITY SAFETY DAY

Celebrating both National Crime Prevention Month and National Fire Prevention Week, the North Miami Beach Police Department hosted its annual "Community Safety Day" on Sunday October 13, 2013. Each year police, fire and public safety personnel block off NE 19th Avenue in front of the Government Center in North Miami Beach to offer crime prevention and fire safety tips as well as display their equipment and showcase their training and expertise to their community.

The event is designed to heighten crime prevention and fire safety awareness, generate support for and participation in local anti-crime and fire safety programs, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships, and send a message to potential criminals that neighborhoods are organized and are fighting back. The event included a variety of crime prevention displays and demonstrations as well as fire department demonstrations. Attendees had the opportunity to shred important documents to prevent identity theft, secure their firearms with free gun

locks given away and protect their children through the use of free child DNA kits. The day was a great success and thanks goes out to all our public safety partners at local, state and federal levels and the City of North Miami Beach for supporting our community outreach efforts.



State Road 826 Median Restoration Project Ribbon Cutting

The City of North Miami Beach held a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the completion of Phase 1 of the State Road 826 Median Restoration Project on Saturday, December 14, 2013, on the corner of NE 21st Avenue and State Road 826 (North Miami Beach Boulevard).

Phase 1 restoration includes the modernizing and upgrading of the landscape medians along State Road 826, between 17th and 22nd Avenues. The \$153,300 project was funded by the North Miami Beach Community Redevelopment Agency.

The project entails the modernizing and upgrading of the landscape medians by removing spent shrubbery, trees, palms and backfilling planting soils that have eroded over the past 20 years. Existing dilapidated irrigation systems have been restored and updated to modern water saving standards.

In addition, 30 Silver Date Palm trees were planted along the median, as well as 35 Alexander Palm trees. Assorted flowers were planted in key intersections. All of these updates were designed in keeping up with the Florida Department of Transportation's Bold Landscape Initiative while opening up visibility to businesses in the corridor.



L to R: Police Chief Scott Dennis, CRA Coordinator Rasha Cameau, City Manager Ana M. Garcia, Councilwoman Barbara Kramer, Councilwoman Phyllis S. Smith, Mayor George Vallejo, City Forester Carlos Rivera, City Attorney Darcee Siegel, Councilwoman Beth E. Spiegel, Councilman Anthony F. DeFillipo and his son Marco.



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In honor of the holiday season, the North Miami Beach Mayor and Council invited the public to attend a Menorah and Christmas tree lighting ceremony on Wednesday, November 27, 2013. The lighting ceremony took place on the median in front of City Hall, with Rabbi Eli Rosenfeld of Chabad Lubavitch of Eastern Shores performing the Menorah lighting ceremony.



Councilwoman Beth E. Spiegel and Councilwoman Barbara Kramer receive flowers and accolades from Leslie Loewenthal and other Girl Rising event organizers.

A special viewing of the movie Girl Rising was presented by the Commission on the Status of Women on October 11, 2013 with an attendance of over 500 guests.



Councilman Frantz Pierre recognizes our Local Community Heroes at the October 1, 2013 City Council Meeting. From left to right: Milko O. Brito (Principal, Gertrude K. Edelman/Sabal Palm Elementary School), Randy A. Milliken (Principal, North Miami Beach Senior High School), Lisa B. Garcia (Principal, Alonzo and Tracy Mourning Senior High School), Mary Kate Parton (Principal, John F. Kennedy Middle School), Jorge Mazon (Principal, Greynolds Park Elementary School), Dr. Marta M. Mejia (Principal, Ojus Elementary School), Dr. Jean E. Teal (Principal, Fulford Elementary School), Joyce R. Jones (Principal, Oak Grove Elementary School), and Councilman Frantz Pierre.



A free breast cancer awareness event was held on October 29, 2013 at the Highland Village Community Center. The free event included education, health and cancer screenings, which were provided to the community by Borinquen Medical Centers of Miami Dade and the YWCA.



Team NMB gave back to the community last Thanksgiving by hosting a Food drive. Thanks to the efforts of Team NMB, Big Momma, and the Aventura Merrill Lynch office, 200 families in North Miami Beach received food this past Thanksgiving.

The NMB Christmas Tree was lit on Thanksgiving eve and remained lit throughout the holiday season. Elected officials from left to right, top row, Councilwoman Marlen Martell, Mayor George Vallejo, Councilwoman Phyllis S. Smith, Councilwoman Beth E. Spiegel, Councilman Frantz Pierre, Councilwoman Barbara Kramer and Councilman Anthony F. DeFillipo join neighbors, family and friends in lighting the tree.



Hundreds of people participated in the sixth annual End the Violence Walk that took place on Saturday, October 5, 2013. All proceeds from the two mile non-competitive walk benefited the Safe Space Foundation Victim Shelter.





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Greater NMB Chamber President Councilman DeFillipo.

The Greater North Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to promoting local businesses and establishing vital connections within the North Miami Beach area. Our Chamber has been assisting businesses for 62 years through services such as networking events, luncheons, business referrals, and workshops.

The Chamber puts local businesses in touch with the faces and places that can make an important difference in their future. The Chamber utilizes all of their resources and their expertise in obtaining any grant opportunities for small businesses.

"The Chamber is committed to preserving the vitality and stability of the area and the climate in which the businesses, schools and citizens flourish," said Chamber President, Councilman Anthony F. DeFillipo. "We are enthusiastically working to provide members with the opportunity to network within the community."

DeFillipo added that the Chamber offers opportunities for Grand Opening events and Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies for your business. All Chamber members, as well as the North Miami Beach Mayor and Council, and other City Officials are invited to welcome your business into the Greater North Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce family.

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Procurement Division Free Vendor Training

Are you a local business looking to do business with government? If so, did you know that you can learn about doing business with government on the last Wednesday of each month? The City's Procurement Division conducts vendor training sessions on topics such as the Cone of Silence, Bids, Request for Proposals, Request for Quotes, do's and don'ts and other various topics related to government procurement.

The Procurement division also posts all of its Bids & Request for Proposals online at www.citynmb.com/purchasing. This information is free for downloading along with complete details of the bid process and videos of bid openings, review committee meetings and pre-bid conferences.

police department



A New Approach to Crime Fighting, Educates Neighborhoods on How to Protect themselves

Police and Community Together (PACT) is an initiative that allows the police, and the citizens they serve, to come together in a cooperative spirit of helping each other to achieve a crime free community. After crime information has been gathered and analyzed by the police, the police will deploy the PACT Team into specific neighborhoods, to help reduce specific crime problems and at a later time, see how their efforts are working.

The PACT Team utilizes the police department's Mobile Resource Center, which will be deployed into specific neighborhoods and business areas of the city. These areas are chosen based on recent crime trends identified in the area.

What will be discussed at PACT meetings:

- Recent crime trends in the specific area of the meeting.
- The benefits of and how to start and maintain a Neighborhood Crime Watch.
- Various resources that the police offer to help you better protect yourself and keep you aware of on-going crime

trends, etc.

- Volunteer programs offered by the police department.
- A review of sexual predators in the neighborhood.
- Any new initiatives the police are developing or implementing.
- A question and answer period between the police and participants on police related topics.

The benefits of PACT:

- PACT will allow police to conduct research on the causes of and potential solutions to recent crime trends.
- PACT will encourage local residents to also identify crime and anti-social behavior issues they feel are important and discuss them with the police.
- PACT will encourage neighbors and businesses to have substantive conversations with others in their respective communities in an effort to determine priority problems.
- PACT will develop "social capital" – the relationships between people beyond their close friends and family – which is

the hallmark of any healthy community.

- PACT will challenge its community leaders to listen to the concerns and ideas of their neighbors and through individual one-on-one meetings, help the police with the resolution of their concerns.

The meetings are open to everyone and are attended by North Miami Beach Police Department representatives. They are held at locations in selected neighborhoods at convenient times - usually early evening - and last no longer than an hour.

For more information on PACT, to schedule a PACT meeting in your neighborhood or to find the date and time of the next local PACT meeting, please contact the North Miami Beach Police Departments Crime Prevention Unit at (305) 948-2955 or check the list of meeting dates, times and locations on our website at www.nmbpd.org.

NORTH MIAMI BEACH DEPLOYS ITS RED LIGHT SAFETY PHOTO-ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

The City of North Miami Beach began taking photos of red-light runners at designated intersections last October. This safety program is designed to protect drivers, passengers, cyclists and pedestrians from injuries or crashes caused by red-light runners. Photo-enforcement cameras will capture still images and video of red-light running violations. The cameras

will operate 24-hours a day and capture images of every vehicle running a red-light at the intersection. Warning signs alerting drivers to the red-light cameras have been installed prior to each intersection. North Miami Beach is planning to add additional cameras in the future.

Across the nation, more than 400 cities use photo enforcement technology as a traffic safety tool. Red-light camera systems have proven effective in reducing the incidence of red-light running in many cities. The program is administered by American Traffic Solutions, Inc. (ATS) with each violation reviewed and approved by the North Miami Beach Police Department prior to being issued.



Photo-enforcement cameras are currently located at the following intersections:

- Biscayne Blvd and 172nd Street
- Biscayne Blvd and 163rd Street

North Miami Beach Police Department Partners with the Dade County Pharmacy Association to offer a 24/7 Prescription Pill Drop-Off Point

In an effort to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of medications, the North Miami Beach Police Department has partnered with the Dade County Pharmacy Association to offer a secure 24/7 prescription pill drop-box inside their police department's lobby at 16901 NE 19th Avenue.

According to the 2012 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH), twice as many Americans regularly abused prescription drugs than the number of those who regularly used cocaine, hallucinogens, heroin, and inhalants combined.

That same study revealed more than 70 percent of people abusing prescription pain relievers got them through friends or relatives, a statistic that includes raiding the family medicine cabinet.

In addition, research shows that currently many unwanted or expired household and prescription medications are improperly disposed of. The harmful methods being used include flushing the drugs down toilets or putting them into the garbage. Both of these methods have damaging effects on our environment and contaminate our water supply.

The North Miami Beach Police saw the need for a program that would provide a convenient source for proper disposal of unwanted or expired household and prescription medications. The mission of the Dade County Pharmacy Association

is to serve society as the profession responsible for the appropriate use of medications, devices and services to achieve optimal therapeutic outcomes. With this in mind, a partnership between the two was developed and the Pharmacy Association donated the funds to purchase a drop box which has been placed in the lobby of the police department.

We encourage the members of our community to educate themselves on this pervasive problem and bring their expired or unused prescription medication to our police department. The collection site is open 24/7 and the service is free and anonymous, with no questions asked. Please visit our website at www.nmbpd.org to see what prescription items can be accepted for disposal.

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New CRA Grant to Aid Property Owners & Tenants

Seeking to make the commercial properties located within the Community Redevelopment Area of the North Miami Beach Community Redevelopment Agency (NMB CRA) financially competitive compared to those in neighboring cities the Interior Improvement Grant Program provides a supplement of up to the lesser of 50 percent of the property owner's Tenant Improvement (T.I.) allowance or \$10 per square foot of T.I. assistance, up to a maximum of \$25,000. Every Interior Improvement Grant Applicant must be approved by the NMB CRA Board, and is subject to funding availability. Also, the Interior Improvement Grant can be used in con-

junction with the Façade Program incentive.

Eligibility:

The Interior Improvement Grant Program funds are available to qualifying commercial property owners or tenants within the NMB CRA. Grants are intended for new business operation only, not rehabilitation and/or restoration. Expansion of an existing business qualifies if the expansion results in a square footage increase of at least 50 percent.

Eligibility included but is not limited to:

- Property owner must match the NMB CRA's investment on a one-to-one basis, or lease concessions of

equal or greater value

- Maximum award of \$25,000
- Supplement of up to \$10 per square foot
- Property must be free of all liens, judgments, violations, and/or citations
- Tenant lease must be for a term of at least five years from the time of application

Application Period

It is the intent of the NMB CRA to provide access to this incentive program during FY 2013/14 (October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014). All applications must be complete and submitted within this period.

CRA Assists in Changing the Face of Business

The Façade Improvement Grant Program is a matching grant program dedicated to renewing the cosmetic aesthetic of businesses in the CRA area. The grant will pay for 50 percent of the total cost of an approved project up to a maximum grant of \$25,000. Funds are available to be used for existing exterior rehabilitation and restoration only, not new construction.

Qualified applicants must schedule an appointment with the CRA staff prior to preparing an application for submittal, complete all required application forms and, submit the completed application package to the CRA Coordinator in order to be considered for assistance.*

Please visit the CRA office to receive a list of the incentive's rules, regulations, and eligibility requirements.

CRA Office, City Hall
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*Appointments may be made by calling 305-787-6053



Code Compliance enforces all of the City Codes. This division mostly deals with zoning and property maintenance regulations, with a focus that includes protecting quality of life and maintaining property values.

Code Compliance Officers identify and correct code violations by conducting proactive city-wide patrols and by responding to citizen complaints. In addition, Code Compliance works with residents and businesses to inform and educate them on City Codes.

Recently the Mayor and Council approved a Code Waiver Program, which allows property owners an opportunity to legalize out-of-compliance structures, without penalty, providing they meet the building code requirements.

These structures include: sheds, carports, driveways, fences, etc. Many of these structures can present significant hazards in the event of a severe tropical storm or hurricane. These structures are considered code violations because they may have been constructed without building permits and/or built in the required setbacks.

Over the course of the next two years, Code Compliance Officers will be conducting external inspections of all the properties in the City. The purpose of these inspections is to identify unsafe and illegal structures. At the time of the inspection, the officer will also identify any other violations on the property.

If violations are found which qualify for the Code Waiver program, the property owner will have sixty days to apply for a Code Waiver. You do not have to wait for an inspection to apply for the Code Waiver. If you know you have an illegal structure you can apply at anytime. This is a temporary program which will be discontinued in 2016.

If you have additional questions or would like to receive an application, contact the Code Compliance Division at 305-948-2964.

H.I.P. Grant Now Available to NMB Residents

Would you like to spruce up your home, but cannot afford to? Let the City of North Miami Beach assist you! The City Manager's Office is pleased to announce the re-launch of the Home Improvement Program or "H.I.P" (formally known as the H.A.M.R. Program.)

The HIP provides up to **\$2,500** to qualified low and moderate income homeowners the opportunity to rehabilitate their homes by offering funding to correct existing code violations, repair hazardous structure conditions, improve home access, and/or make any necessary repairs.

H.I.P.'s Eligibility Criteria include but are not limited to:

- Only NMB residents can apply.
- Applicant must own and occupy home.
- Property must be a single-family detached residential dwelling.
- Financial restrictions apply.

Approved Improvements include but are not limited to:

- Roof repair, replace, and/or repaint.
- Driveway (stamped concrete and/or reseal).
- Repair and repaint fence.

All qualified residents will adhere to a first come, first serve basis. Priority is given to senior citizens (62 years of age and older), disabled persons, veterans and then to individuals who meet the following household income limits set by Miami-Dade County. For more information, call: **305-787-6053** or nmbgrants@citynmb.com

Household Size	Miami Dade County FL Income Limits for 2013
1	\$36,650
2	\$41,850
3	\$47,100
4	\$52,300
5	\$56,500
6	\$60,700
7	\$64,900
8	\$69,050



NMB's First Business e-Newsletter

In partnership with the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), NMB News aims to provide new and innovative ideas and an abundance of opportunities to business owners located in the City of North Miami Beach. This monthly e-Newsletter is one step of many on the road to better economic development opportunities for business owners. The City of NMB wants more business owners to view the area as a prime location for cultivating new business ventures. We want businesses to feel supported and backed by the City. Through this e-newsletter we hope to open the lines of communication between you and your City.

Visit the NMB CRA Webpage through the City of North Miami Beach's website and subscribe to receive updates! www.citynmb.com/cra

Capital Improvement Projects Progress Report

Construction of new streets, sidewalks, lighting and landscaping can be seen throughout the City. Projects are being planned and constructed throughout the City. If you have any questions about current construction projects, please call (305) 948-2925.

COMPLETED PROJECTS



MISHCON MULTIPURPOSE BALL FIELD

The Mishcon Multipurpose Ball field has been completed, although it has not been officially accepted by the city.



163RD STREET MEDIAN PROJECT – PHASE I + II

Phase I & II restoration includes the modernizing and upgrading of the landscape medians along State Road 826, between 17th and 22nd Avenues.

PROJECTS IN PROGRESS

172ND STREET DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT

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

LIBRARY ROOF REPLACEMENT

Replacement of the roofing systems at the city's library.

LIBRARY A/C REPLACEMENT

Replacement of the three existing air-handlers with newer, more efficient ones.

CITY HALL COMPLETE FIRE ALARM INSTALLATION

Installation of a new digital addressable fire alarm system for the City Hall Complex, Littman Theater, YES Center and the McDonald Center.

ALLEN PARK RECREATION CENTER RENOVATION



The installation of a new wheelchair lift, air-conditioning system, sanitary sewer system pump station along with interior renovations for improved ADA compliance and fire protection.

UPCOMING PROJECTS

ALLEYWAYS PHASE 9B

Alleys located between NE 12th and NE 14th Avenues and between NE 154 and NE 157 Streets.

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 Snake Creek canal.



Changing Our City One Life at a Time!

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)

Delven Patterson, Recreation Supervisor II
13621 NE 21st Avenue
(305) 948-2928

Marjorie & William McDonald Center (MCD)

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

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

Yasheka Nadal, Recreation Supervisor I
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 Supervisor 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 @ Gwen Margolis Amphitheater (DSP)

16451 Miami Drive • (305) 948-2957

Judge Arthur Snyder Tennis Center (TEN)

16851 West Dixie Highway.
(305) 919-0839

Under the Management of "Sports Advisory Consultant Inc." The Arthur I. Snyder Tennis Center is open to the public Monday thru Thursday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 5 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
Open during the summer season. Facility equipped with picnic table area and tot lot. For more information call (305) 948-2926

Victory Pool Family Aquatic Center (VPL)

1980 NE 171st Street • 305-948-2926
or 305-948-2957 Open Year Round
Monday - Friday, 1:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Washington Pool (WPL)

15290 NE 15th Court • 305-787-0599
20-yard pool, opens during the summer season. Facility equipped with picnic table area and grill. 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

Bingo Family Night

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

Movie Night

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

ADULT ACTIVITIES

Ceramics

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

"CHALLENGERS" (Sept. - June)

For physically and/or emotionally challenged adults ages 18 and up. Meetings are held at 7 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 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 2nd Floor. 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.

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

North Miami Beach Civic Homeowners Association

Free to residents of North Miami Beach. Meetings are held every 3rd Thursday from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. Location: MCD

R.A.P.P.

Residents And Police Presence meets on the last Thursday of each month from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Meetings are held year round. Location: MCD

NMB Women's Club

Meetings are on the 4th Thursday of each month from 12:00 Noon to 4:00 p.m. September - June. Location: MCD

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

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, Wednesday, and Friday from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Location: DSP

TANDEM BIKING

for visually impaired individuals.
Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 11 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 p.m. - 9 p.m. Location: UP

Cheerleading Class

Every Monday and Wednesday
For ages 8 - 10 • 6 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. FREE! For ages 11 - 13 • 7 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. FREE! Location: HV

Intramural Basketball

FREE, Co-ed league where each community center is represented by local youth. Registration and practices are held at each community center. Call your local Community Center for Registration & Program information.
Locations: UP, WP, YES, HV

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 Tuesday - Thursday, from 4:30 p.m. - 5:50 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 p.m. - 6 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

SPRING & SUMMER CAMP

Spring Camp

March 24, 2014 - March 28, 2014
8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Ages: 5 - 14

Price: \$65 plus \$10 field trip fee
The North Miami Beach Leisure Services Spring Camp provides a safe, fun environment for youth during their spring recess. Campers will go on field trips, participate in special events, and go swimming. A different activity is planned for each day of the week. Location: YES

Summer Camp

The North Miami Beach Leisure Services Summer Camps provide a safe, and fun all day camp experience for youth. Lunch and a snack are provided daily. Each week campers will go on a field trip, take part in special events, as well as participate in active and passive games. Each camper will receive a camp t-shirt to wear on their field trip days.
Date: June 9, 2014 - August 1, 2014
8 a.m. - 6 p.m. / Ages 5 - 14

Locations: HV, YES, WP, UP

Call for registration and fee information

Camp No-Mi-Be

Camp No-Mi-Be is a full day camp for children in grades Pre-kindergarten to 9th grade. The camp will be held at North Miami Beach Senior High, located at 1247 NE 167 Street. Camp hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with early drop off and late pick up available for working parents. Activities include field trips, swimming, arts and crafts, and special events. For more information call the Leisure Services main office at (305) 948-2957.

TEEN PROGRAMS

For teens ages 13 - 18
Meeting & Activities held every Wednesday (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

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

February 2014

SENIOR LUNCHEON

Friday, February 21, 2014

11 a.m. - 2 p.m. • \$5/per person

March 2014

MEET & MINGLE (GAME DAY)

Friday, March 7, 2014

12 p.m. - 2 p.m. • FREE

BONNET HOUSE

Thursday, March 13, 2014

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. • \$18/per person
Bring your own Lunch.

SENIOR LUNCHEON

Friday, March 21, 2014

11 a.m. - 2 p.m. • FREE

April 2014

MIAMI SEAQUARIUM

Thursday, April 10, 2014

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. • \$26/per person
Bring your own lunch.

SENIOR LUNCHEON

Friday, April 25, 2014

11 a.m. - 2 p.m. • FREE

May 2014

JUNGLE QUEEN

Thursday, May 8, 2014

4 p.m.-11 p.m. • \$43/per person
Dinner included.

SENIOR LUNCHEON

Friday, May 16, 2014

11 a.m. - 2 p.m. • FREE

MEET & MINGLE (MOVIE)

Friday, May 30, 2014

12 p.m.-2 p.m. • FREE

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

LIBRARY PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

North Miami Beach Public Library

1601 NE 164th Street

Phone: (305) 948-2970

The library has FREE materials on a wide variety of subjects for adults and children: Books, CDs, videos, DVDs, books on CD, magazines and newspapers.

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 and CDs 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.nmbplib.com

JULIUS LITTMAN PERFORMING ARTS THEATER

Neville Prince, Theater Manager

17011 NE 19th Avenue

(305) 948-2957

Feb 23, 2014: Ship Showcase, 2 p.m.

March 6, 2014: Pro Show, 7 p.m.

March 28, 2014: NMB Fashion Show and HIV Awareness Event, 7:30 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Youth Symposium

Date: Friday, March 21, 2014

Time: 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Ages: 13 - 18 • Price: FREE

A continental breakfast is available for the teens from 8 a.m. until 9 a.m. A keynote speaker will then speak to all of the teens on the subject matter. The teens are then separated into break out session and workshops. This year's Youth

Symposium will focus on violence and teen bullying.

Location: YES

Heart Health Walk

Date: Saturday, February 22, 2014

Time: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Ages: All

Location: Gwen Margolis Amphitheater, 16501 NE 16th Avenue

The first annual walk to raise heart health awareness will be held at the Gwen Margolis Amphitheater. There will be a variety of vendors on hand to provide information and services to event participants. Music and entertainment will go on throughout the event on the stage.

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Heart Health Walk

"Developing awareness of this disease, which impacts so many women in many age groups, is something I truly support. I am hoping this annual event can be pivotal to create lasting change in the lives of women in our community." said NMB Councilwoman Spiegel. The Commission on the Status of Women will unveil the new mile marker posts that have been placed along the canal 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 Leisure Services 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.

Honoring our Veterans

On Monday, November 11, 2013 the City of North Miami Beach Leisure Services Department in conjunction with the Office of the Mayor and Council, presented its annual Veterans Day Service at the All Wars Memorial Park in the Harry Cohen Complex. Elected officials, along with families and friends paid tribute to the veterans who have served our Country and those who continue to preserve our freedom.

Two distinguished individuals were inducted into the North Miami Beach Veterans Hall of Fame in 2013, Velma Pizzillo and Janette Smith.

Corporal Velma Pizzillo enlisted in the US Army Women's Army Corp (WAC) after the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941. She was stationed in multiple countries as a Message Coordinator in the WAC for four years. She worked in transportation and drove military trucks to reposition the equipment for operations. Her two brothers served

in combat in the Marine Corps in WWII, and her husband was involved D-Day with General Patton. For the past 20 years, she has volunteered with Catholic Charities as an AIDS Counselor visiting clients at their homes including individuals living in the North Miami Beach area.

Janette Smith served in the Army from 1981-1983 as a Tactical Telecommunications Operator.

She served in the Communications Unit for the V Corps Commander in Europe. Using a cryptographer she communicated with group forces regarding strategic intelligence on enemy locations. After serving in the US Army, she graduated from Appalachian State University with a Bachelor's degree in Medical Technology. She then earned her Bachelors and Masters Degree in accounting from Florida State, and successfully passed her CPA exam in 2000. She has served as the North Miami Beach Finance Director since 2011.



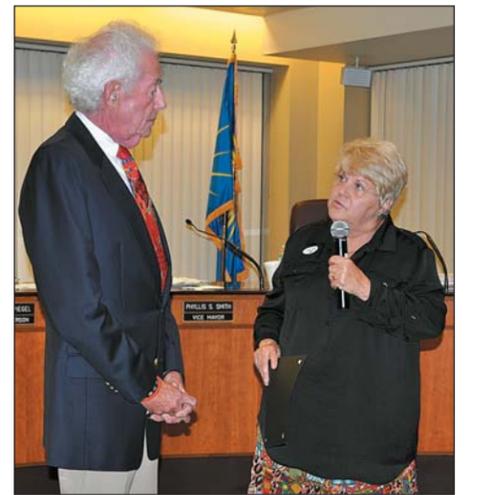
L to R: Councilwoman Kramer, Councilman Pierre, Councilwoman Spiegel, Janette Smith, Mayor Vallejo, Velma Pizzillo, Councilwoman Martell, Councilwoman Smith, and State Representative Barbara Watson.

Citizens Appreciation Day 2013

Citizens Appreciation Day was held on October 15, 2013, and the Mayor and Council recognized seven outstanding individuals during the City Council meeting for their dedication to make our city the very best it can be. The City recognized Charles Asarnow, Sandra Douglas, Tricia M. Harris, Ketley Joachim, Stephanie Kienzle, Bruce Lamberto, and Raabia Liladrie for their tireless efforts, and civic engagement in the city of North Miami Beach.



L to R: Councilman Anthony F. DeFillipo with Ketley Joachim, Tricia M. Harris with Councilwoman Marlen Martell, Mayor George Vallejo with Stephanie Kienzle, Councilwoman Smith with Sandra Douglas, and Councilwoman Kramer with Bruce Lamberto. Not in photo: Charles Asarnow and Raabia Liladrie.



Councilwoman Phyllis S. Smith recognizes Charles Asarnow for his efforts at the November 5, 2013 City Council Meeting.

"Socks on a String"

Sock Drive Benefits Homeless in Miami-Dade County

In honor of Homeless Awareness Day, which was on November 14, 2013, the City of North Miami Beach held its second annual sock drive for the homeless. Local schools and the community donated nearly 1,700 pairs of socks to homeless men, women and children at the Miami-rescue Mission. Highland Oaks Middle School was the overall winner of the drive with a donation of nearly 500 pairs of new socks.

Dressing up to celebrate Monster Mash Bash in NMB on October 31, 2013.



(From left to right) Councilwoman Phyllis S. Smith, Councilwoman Marlen Martell and her granddaughter Gia Estrada, Councilwoman Barbara Kramer, and Mayor George Vallejo.

public services



On November 1, 2013, the City of North Miami Beach launched Eyes on NMB, a new initiative designed to address neighborhood needs with a targeted inspection approach.

The three-hour event began at 9:30 a.m. and consisted of a walk through covering all areas of the Sunray East neighborhood. Teams were led by City Manager Ana M. Garcia, Councilwoman Phyllis S. Smith, department directors, and employees from Public Works, Public Utilities, Police, Procurement and Leisure Services Departments.

Once a month, a team of North Miami Beach staff members, along with interested residents,



Kevin Butts, Safety Officer for the City of North Miami Beach (left) greets a resident while conducting an Eyes On NMB neighborhood inspection.

canvass a single neighborhood to identify public-area maintenance needs such as landscaping, potholes and graffiti, as well as Code Enforcement issues. The concerns identified during the inspection are compiled and forwarded to the appropriate city departments for follow-up.

The primary goal of the program is to identify things that might otherwise go unnoticed or unreported to city staff. So far, Eyes on NMB has trained its focus on the Sunray East and Uleta neighborhoods.

Since the initial launch, Eyes on NMB has also taken us through a tour, on December 6, of the Uleta area. On that morning, the city teams were joined again by Councilwoman Smith and neighbors Ketley Joachim, Livens Jean and Serge Theodore.

Thus far, all are in agreement that walking through the neighborhoods has been both exciting and rewarding. Altogether, it is an opportunity to see the neighborhoods from an entirely different perspective. By walking the streets, we



were able to see not only flaws and deficiencies; but opportunities.

Opportunities to say good morning to neighbors; walk their paths and proactively address issues, concerns and formulate plans.

"This exercise has afforded us the opportunity to take a closer look at our city and be proactive...in taking the necessary steps to enhance our neighborhoods from an aesthetic and safety perspective," said City Manager Ana Garcia. Ketley Joachim sees it as "a welcome proactive initiative that will yield dividends as the City seeks to familiarize itself and address neighborhood issues from a different angle with fresh pairs of eyes."

Eyes on NMB takes place on the last Friday of each month. Pickwick, Pan Uleta and Winward were viewed on January 31, 2014. Oakgrove (Fleeman Heights, Carl Byoir) will be visited on February 28, 2014, and Sunray West will be visited on March 28, 2014.

If you would like to join the Eyes on NMB inspection team when it visits your neighborhood, or otherwise, please contact Esmond Scott at 305-948-2967, extension 7916.

Some Alley Info to Know

As a homeowner you are responsible for maintaining the swales both in front of your house and in the alley behind your house. Please remember to maintain the small strip of grass between the asphalt pavement and your fence line! Your help in keeping our neighborhoods clean is appreciated. If you have any questions concerning this notice, please call the Public Services Department at (305) 948-2967.



public works

What is Stormwater Runoff?



Stormwater runoff occurs when precipitation from rain flows over the ground. Impervious surfaces like driveways, sidewalks and streets prevent stormwater from naturally soaking into the ground.

Why is Stormwater Runoff a Problem?

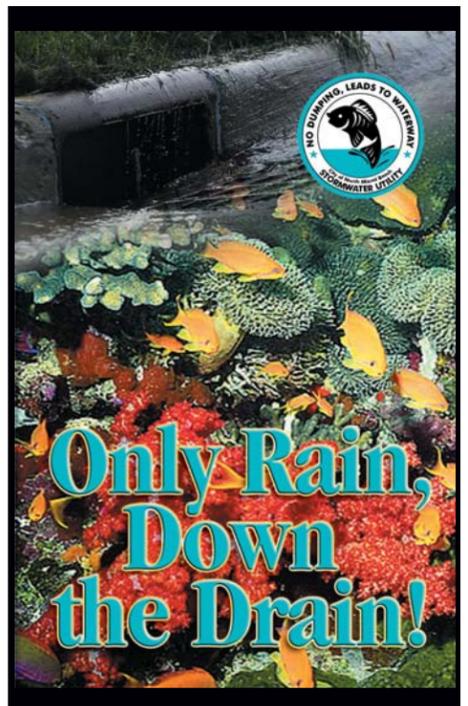
Stormwater can pick up debris, chemicals, dirt and other pollutants and flow into a storm sewer system or directly to a lake, stream, river, wetland or coastal water. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into the water bodies we use for swimming, fishing and providing drinking water. Recycle or properly dispose of household products that contain chemicals, such as insecticides, pesticides, paint, solvents, and used motor oil and other auto fluids. Don't pour them onto the ground or into storm drains. Polluted stormwater runoff can have many adverse effects on plants, fish, animals and people.

- Sediment can cloud the water and make it difficult or impossible for aquatic plants to grow. Sediment can also destroy aquatic habitats.
- Excess nutrients can cause algae blooms. When algae die, they sink to the bottom and decompose in a process

that removes oxygen from the water. Fish and other aquatic organisms cannot exist in water with low dissolved oxygen levels.

- Bacteria and other pathogens can wash into swimming areas and create health hazards, often making beach closures necessary.
- Debris—plastic bags, six-pack rings, bottles and cigarette butts—washed into water bodies can choke, suffocate or disable aquatic life like manatees, ducks, fish, turtles and birds.
- Household hazardous wastes like insecticides, pesticides, paint, solvents, used motor oil and other auto fluids can poison aquatic life. Land animals and people can become sick or die from eating diseased fish and shellfish or ingesting polluted water.
- Polluted stormwater often affects drinking-water sources. This, in turn, can affect human health and increase drinking-water treatment costs.
- Pet waste can be a major source of bacteria and excess nutrients in local waters. When walking your pet, remember to pick up the waste and dispose of it properly. Flushing pet waste is the best dis-

posal method. Leaving pet waste on the ground increases public health risks by allowing harmful bacteria and nutrients to wash into storm drains and eventually into local water bodies.



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.



Dispose of Your Chemicals the Convenient Way



THE HOME CHEMICAL COLLECTION CENTERS accept all oil-based paints, pesticides, solvents, pool chemicals and other household items. The Center also accepts latex paints that are still in liquid form.

It is recommended that new paints and latex paint that is still in good condition be donated to neighbors or community groups. The center is available to non-commercial* residents only. Locations:

8831 NW 58th Street, Miami, FL 33178 and 23707 SW 97th AVE,

Miami, FL 33176 (Gate B)

Hours of Operation:

Wednesday-Sunday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information dial: 311

*Commercial waste of any kind, as well as explosives, ammonization, radioactive (except smoke detectors), infectious and/or biohazardous waste are not accepted.

Reporting Environmental Emergencies, Complaints, and Environmental Crimes

The Department of Environmental Resources Management (DERM) responds to environmental complaints and emergencies 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. To file a complaint, call (305) 372-6955.

RESIDENTIAL CURBSIDE RECYCLING

When's Your Day?

EVERY OTHER

WEDNESDAY!

For more information call the City of North Miami Beach's Solid Waste Division

305-948-2904

