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## North Miami Beach

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Summer 2016

**Save the Date!**

The City of North Miami Beach is proud to announce that this year our beloved **North Miami Beach is turning 90!**

The anniversary celebration will take place **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2016** along NE 19th Avenue between 171st Street & 164th Street

**North Miami Beach Charter Officers and Elected Officials:**  
 Mayor George Vallejo | Councilman Anthony F. DeFilippo | Councilwoman Barbara Kramer | Councilwoman Mahea D. Martell | Councilman Frantz Pierre | Councilwoman Phyllis S. Smith | Councilwoman Beth E. Spiegel | Ana M. Garcia, City Manager | Jose Smith, City Attorney | Pamela Latimore, City Clerk | Nicole Gomes, Chief of Staff, Office of Mayor and Council City of North Miami Beach

A **FREE** Event with live bands, entertainment, local food, and interactive exhibits. The event will be open to everyone from **8 p.m. until 11 p.m.** VIP ticketholders will have special-event access starting at 7 p.m., which includes a special "Tasting Tent" of the flavors of NMB.

Learn more about our 90th Birthday Celebration at: [www.citynmb.com/90th](http://www.citynmb.com/90th) or [#iamnmb](https://twitter.com/iamnmb)

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# STATE OF THE CITY



The Mayor and the City Council hosted the State of the City Address on June 22nd at the Julius Littman Performing Arts Theater. Mayor Vallejo updated the public on some of the City's key accomplishments of the last two years. He showed everyone how bright our outlook is and laid out the vision of what makes NMB shine: fiscal stability, keeping the city clean and safe, and promoting good governance. The Mayor was keen to talk about increased City financial reserves, our first-ever adopted Parks and Recreation Master Plan, an innovative approach to solid waste that includes new energy-efficient trucks, the variety of new development projects coming to NMB, and our Police Department's success in

continuing to lower the crime rate by enhancing community policing and increasing staffing levels. We had over 150 attendees and a wonderful reception, sponsored by iPic Theaters, Waste Management, and Florida Power & Light, where the Mayor engaged in dialogue with residents and Committee Board members. Guests could enjoy some light refreshments and live entertainment by a few members of the North Miami Beach Senior High Band. Our hard-working Explorers ushered in everyone, the Police Department's Honor Guard presented the colors, and Bianca Manzanares recited the Pledge of Allegiance and national anthem. It was truly a community endeavor!

## 2016-2017 Budget Workshops and Hearings Schedule

The City will present their proposed budget for the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 at budget workshops and hearings in August and September. The City operates on a Fiscal Year which runs from October 1st through September 30th. We welcome your participation. All budget workshops and hearings will take place at City Hall in the Council Chambers, 2nd floor, located at 17011 NE 19th Avenue. Dates and times are listed below:

- BUDGET WORKSHOPS:**
- 1st Budget Workshop - **Tuesday, August 16th, 6:00 P.M.**
  - 2nd Budget Workshop - **Tuesday, August 23rd, 6:00 P.M.**
  - 3rd Budget Workshop - **Tuesday, August 30th, 6:00 P.M.** (as needed)
- BUDGET HEARINGS:**
- 1st Budget Hearing - **Tuesday, September 6th at 6:00 P.M.**
  - 2nd Budget Hearing - **Tuesday, September 20th at 6:00 P.M.**

## NMB WINS AWARD FOR COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT

For the twenty-seventh consecutive year, the City of North Miami Beach has been awarded the Government Finance Officers Association's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

Both the City's Charter and Florida Statute require that the City issue an annual report on its financial position and activities, and that an independent firm of certified public accountants audit this report. In addition, the City is

required to publish a Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) within nine months of the close of each fiscal year.

The CAFR includes the audited financial statements, note disclosures and required supplementary information, and is presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The CAFR was completed within the required time and was submitted to the Government Finance Officers Association for review. Visit [www.citynmb.com](http://www.citynmb.com) and click on the Finance Department to view the latest Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.



Mayor George Vallejo

# mayor's message

Dear Neighbors,

I hope everyone's summer is off to a great start! We kicked off ours with the State of the City Address on June 22nd at the Littman Theater! I was proud to share a North Miami Beach good news story with everyone. I focused on a theme of positive transformation, looking at the big steps forward North Miami Beach has taken over the last couple of years. My four pillars of "Fiscally Stable Government," "A Cleaner & More Beautiful City," "A Safer City," and "Government Done Right," are the foundation of what I think have pushed us forward in recent years.

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Thanks to the help of my Council colleagues and the current City administration, we have done a lot. North Miami Beach will continue to offer better housing choices, better businesses, better parks, better policing and better public works for all of its residents.

The upcoming year will be even more significant for the City because it begins with its 90th Birthday Celebration on October 1, 2016! Find out how you can be part of the event at [www.citynmb.com/90th](http://www.citynmb.com/90th). If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, please call me directly (305) 948-2986 or send an e-mail to [nmbmayor@citynmb.com](mailto:nmbmayor@citynmb.com). Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Mayor and I wish you all a great end to your summer.

Warmest regards,

George Vallejo



City Manager Ana M. Garcia

# city manager

Dear Residents and Friends of NMB,

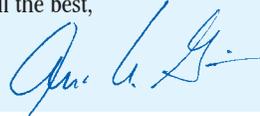
I am proud to announce the City's first-ever adopted Parks and Recreation Master Plan (PRMP). This plan takes a responsible, proactive approach to managing our parks system through an extensive inventory process, meeting with the public to hear their needs, and synthesizing this information into a useful agenda. As our City celebrates its 90th birthday, this PRMP will play a key role in redefining our park system and our residents' quality of life.

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As a former Parks and Recreation Director, I believe that "It Starts in Parks," because parks are where we can directly interact with our community through special events and programs. Over the next several years, expect to see many positive results from the implementation of this PRMP. Our PRMP will provide a more comprehensive and proactive way to fund projects to meet the most urgent needs of our parks based on what we have heard from our residents. Moving forward, we will need everyone's support to leverage resources and ensure a brighter future for all of us!

Wishing you all the best,

Ana M. Garcia



# police department

## THE IMPACT OF PACT (POLICE AND COMMUNITY TOGETHER)



The North Miami Beach Police Department (NMBPD) Crime Prevention Unit brings residents into the crime prevention process through monthly Police and Community Together (PACT) meetings. One of the core tenets of the PACT concept is to break free from the traditional stance of "apart from the community" to a more inclusive philosophy of being "a part of the community."

The PACT meetings are held in different locations around the City and the Crime Prevention Unit (CPU) encourages residents to identify crime and anti-social behavior issues they feel are important to dissect, debate and discuss. As a result, we have held thirteen (13) PACT meetings based on identified crime trends in specific areas. Of the 120 community contacts emanating from the PACT meetings, the accumulated information gathered from concerned residents constitute elements of future initiatives and programs that will be featured on the "Fix It NMB" website.

Based upon the premise that crime is often opportunistic, the CPU aims, through these interventions, to modify the contextual factors to limit the opportunities for the offender(s) to engage in

criminal behavior. Consequently, the CPU has developed a mutually beneficial relationship with local business owners. Additionally, the NMBPD CPU have contacted and enlisted the support of 275 local businesses to be engaged in public awareness, education and prevention campaign to reduce auto thefts in the commercial areas around the City.

There have been more than 15 public appearances by the CPU supervisor pertaining to crime prevention and community safety. From a sustainable crime prevention standpoint, the CPU will continue to dedicate its efforts in maintaining community safety and vitality through a range of measures that highlight the importance of targeting very specific forms of crime and

eradicating the so-called "magnets" of crime.

Based on the insight gained from the ongoing interaction with the concerned residents, the CPU has been able to take appropriate action to serve the victim(s) of the City of North Miami Beach. The NMBPD may not be able to solve every single safety problem that arises, yet with PACT, we dare say that we are capable of taking collective steps towards improving the quality of life of the North Miami Beach residents.



Tell us how we are doing! Take our Citizen Satisfaction Survey on [www.nmbpd.org](http://www.nmbpd.org)

# public works

## National Public Works Week 2016 Activities

NMB celebrated National Public Works Week 2016 with the unveiling of seven different informational poster designs themed, "And You Thought You Knew Public Works." The posters were displayed at various public facilities throughout the city and featured different public works activities and associated statistics.

The Public Works department held their first employee recognition program, honoring outstanding employees in three categories: Manager of the Year, Foreman of the Year and Non-supervisory Employee of the Year. Winners were presented a certificate at a City Council meeting.

The Public Works Department, in conjunction with NMB Water (the city's public utilities department), hosted a BBQ cook-off and picnic at Oleta River State Park, where four teams competed in the cook-off for the honor of best chicken and ribs. Judges were City Manager Ana M. Garcia, Councilwoman Barbara Kramer, Councilman Frantz Pierre and Councilwoman



Phillis S. Smith. The picnic welcomed all city employees. A portion of the North Miami Beach Police department's Running Man Challenge was filmed during the picnic.

"The cook-off and picnic was a fantastic team-building event for our staff," said City Manager Ana M. Garcia. The combination of camaraderie and healthy competition went a long way toward boosting team morale."

Public Works Director Esmond K. Scott added, "public works is relevant to everyone, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The men and women of public works deserve to be acknowledged for their dedication and commitment to public service, and our National Public Works Week activities, culminating in the cook-off and picnic, accomplished that in a big way."

National Public Works Week ran from May 15-21, 2016, and was created by the National Public Works Association in 1960 to educate the public on how public works impacts all of our lives.



### *NMB Teaches job and career awareness in local schools*

NMB Water has been an active participant in presenting the Kids and the Power of Work (KAPOW!) to second grade students at Fulford Elementary school. The KAPOW! Program is a national network of business and elementary school partnerships which introduces school children to career awareness through professionally developed lessons taught by volunteers in the classroom.

During the 2015-2016 school year, three volunteers from NMB Water and one volunteer from the NMB Police Department taught stu-



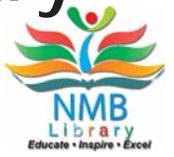
dents the eight lessons of the KAPOW! program. Once a month, the volunteers would speak on topics ranging from job and career awareness to decision making.

The last lesson of the year took place at City Hall in May, with over 100 students learning about careers in the Police Department, Water Utilities, Engineering, and Parks & R.E.C. "It's a tremendous opportunity to serve our community by teaching kids the importance of school and awakening an interest in their future careers," said Greg Williams, NMB Water Utility Neighborhood Coordinator.



# nmb library

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

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

#### Library Hours:

Monday - Thursday • 9:30 a.m. to 7:50 p.m.

Friday & Saturday • 9:30 a.m. to 4:50 p.m.

Most Sundays • 1 p.m. to 4:50 p.m.

Call to confirm Sunday. Computer

catalog at [www.nmblib.com](http://www.nmblib.com).

### *NMB Library Delivers Academic Success*

Libraries today do much more than supply research and educational materials. They are educational institutions that fill gaps between traditional education and our evolving social and technology needs. NMB Library fills those gaps in our community by providing the following:

- Early childhood literacy classes
- Personal enrichment classes such as ESOL, Citizenship, Exercise, Cooking, Arts, Finances, etc.
- Technology, Coding, Critical Thinking and Entrepreneurial training

NMB Library is seeking to meet the community's needs by changing the way that our educational experience is delivered. Interactive learning tools, eBooks, and new remote access databases are allowing us to provide a more interactive experience for YOU our users when visiting us physically or via our website. Please take the time to visit our website and follow the link to our annual library survey to share your specific needs.

Join us on Saturday, August 13th at 2:00 pm for a grand kick off to the new school year! Our fun and Magic filled event will include something for the entire family and will equip you to successfully plan for the next school year. Check our website, [www.nmblib.com](http://www.nmblib.com) for further information and to register for peer tutoring, early literacy, reading comprehension program, and make healthy changes to your lifestyle; make this a grand school year!



# spotlight ON NORTH MIAMI BEACH



Arbor Day 2016 - Groundbreaking ceremony for Hazel Fazzino Park - the first new park in decades!



Lunch with the Mayor was held at the Spanish Monastery for students who achieved high honors in school.



NMB Little League Angels presents the City with a Certificate of Appreciation for supporting them.



The Sun Devils' football and cheerleading teams present the City with an award for sponsoring their teams.



John Casbarro presents the City with a KAPOW! Partnership Award for the 2015-16 school year.



On April 30, 2016 The Miami International Jazz Fest held one of its concerts at our own Julius Littman Theater.



NMB Police Department is the first in Dade County to receive Excelsior Status by the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation.



2016 Memorial Day celebration with local community leaders.



North Miami Beach Senior High student Chedline Apollon is recognized for her Honorable Mention in Journalism at the Silver Knight Awards.



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Images from the State of the City address.

< Bianca Manzanaras opened the ceremonies with her rendition of the National Anthem accompanied by the NMB Police Honor Guard.

< NMB Library's "On Your Mark... READ" summer program

