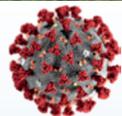


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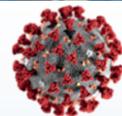
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## UPDATE FROM THE VILLAGE MANAGER ON COVID-19!



On behalf of Mayor Wagar and the Village Council, as well as, the Village Administration and staff, I hope this newsletter finds you and your family safe and healthy! As we enter the third month of the coronavirus pandemic, we must all continue to do our part to fight the spread of this virus. Even though the latest health statistics are encouraging, we all need to practice social distancing by staying a minimum of 6 feet apart, wearing a protective mask when entering any type of business establishment and continuing to wash your hands with soap and water for a minimum of twenty seconds on a regular basis. To give you a status on your Village government, our Village buildings currently remain closed. All of our Village employees, with the exception of a few, are reporting to work every day, working their regular hours performing their regular duties to serve you. Examples of this include the Building Department that remained open with walk-in customers as long as possible, but due to exposure concerns, went to an online submittal process in early April. The Building Department continues to accept plans and issue permits online and continues to provide onsite inspections. The Recreation Department has been working with our instructors to provide online classes and other informational activities for the whole family from toddlers to seniors and everyone in-between! These activities will continue through May. Brockway Library was able to redirect patrons to the digital library offerings as well as online tutoring, Ancestry.com, Mango languages and much more! This month, Library staff will host a virtual puppet theatre featuring "Mr. Rabbit and the Lovely Present." All Public Works services continued using social distancing methods, personal protective equipment and other precautionary methods for employees so that regular garbage, bulk and recycling pickup continued, as well as, the maintenance of Village streets and parks. As the number of coronavirus cases continued to increase, the Miami

Shores Police Department expanded its efforts to limit further exposure and transmission by modifying operations to ensure the safety of the public as well as our officers. This includes phone reporting, limiting public access to the lobby of the police station and officer safety guidelines. As we move into May, Miami-Dade County Mayor Gimenez has indicated he is developing plans to slowly re-open our County. The proposed first step for this re-opening will be parks, boat ramps and marinas, and golf courses. Task forces were set up to study each of these areas and report to the County Mayor with recommendations to re-open these activities as soon as possible. In order for these re-openings to be successful and allow for further reduction of restrictions, it is imperative that we all follow the recommended safety precautions while enjoying these activities to prevent a spike in the coronavirus requiring additional shutdowns and closures. This phased reopening will be another challenge, but we will proceed with your safety in mind. As more information becomes available, we will put out the information on our newly designed website at [www.msvfl.gov](http://www.msvfl.gov) and our other social media outlets. We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we continue on this path of recovery!



Miami Shores Village is proud to announce the launch of an innovative design to its new Village government website. The new, user-friendly site can be accessed at [www.msvfl.gov](http://www.msvfl.gov).

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The Village invites residents and visitors to explore the new site and provide comments via Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and NextDoor. Over the past few months, input was received from the Village Council and staff to ensure the sites functionality. Our Information Technology Manager, Elizabeth Keeley served as the project manager and along with our website consultant, Advantage Web Consulting, Inc, worked to achieve increased ease of navigation and simple buttons to access the most popular features. Ms. Keeley implemented the new design so Miami Shores residents are able to access information about services and decision-making in the easiest way possible. The previous site needed an update and fresh look and we wanted to enhance the user experience via both desktop and mobile devices. The redesign accomplishes our goals with informative, visually appealing photos and material. The new site, with mobile-friendly compatibility and responsive design, features one-click shortcut buttons to the most frequently requested information such as Board Minutes, Permits, Online Payments, Forms, Agendas and Service Requests. Other features include:



- Social media buttons are easy-to-locate at the top of the new site, providing citizen access to Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube.
- A revised "Latest News" section highlights news announcements from the Village on recent happenings, events and general government news.

Maintaining the new website will require continued development strategies. However, updates to the website will continue over the next several months as the Village looks to enhance content with the new design and integrate solutions to serve residents and businesses. One of the goals of the new site was to provide better online services for residents.



With the launch of the new website, we are happy to announce the new online permit submit tal through the Building Department's Citizen Self-Service (CSS) Portal which began on April 3, 2020.

This full service online electronic submittal includes permit applications and plans. You must create an account to access this new feature! Please visit the Permits quick link on the new website for information on permitting. To begin the application process, please click the Forms quick link to access the appropriate applications, permit requirements or checklists and instructions. In order to accommodate, the residents need to submit applications for review during this "Safer at Home" period and at the same time, expedite services, all applications must be submitted through the new online portal until further notice. In addition, a limited inspection procedure to minimize exposure was implemented. If you have any questions or need assistance navigating through the online permit process, our staff is here to help! Please call 305-795-2204 between 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM to speak to one of the Building Clerks who will be happy to assist you through the process!



**Village Offices will be closed on Monday, May 25th, 2020 in honor of Memorial Day.**

**\*Regular garbage and recycling pick-up schedules WILL BE OBSERVED! \***

# ARE YOU PREPARED?

THIS IS THE TIME TO MAKE ALL NECESSARY PREPARATIONS!

**2020 HURRICANE SEASON AHEAD**

**HURRICANE SEASON  
JUNE 1 - NOV 30**

# SMALL BUSINESS RESOURCES & LOANS



## PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM:

An SBA loan that helps businesses keep their workforce employed during the Coronavirus crisis. To apply and for more information, visit: <https://bit.ly/2xONo9n>.

## BEACON COUNCIL:

The Beacon Council is committed to safeguarding the health and wellness of our community, and our local economy as a whole. Please email any Coronavirus-related questions directly to the team at [BeaconHelp@BeaconCouncil.com](mailto:BeaconHelp@BeaconCouncil.com). To apply and for more information, visit: <https://bit.ly/3eAjl1n>.

**THE FLORIDA SBDC AT FIU:** Provides access to the disaster capital and resources your business needs to recover, rebuild and grow. To apply and for more information, visit: <https://bit.ly/2yxIRIY>.

**MIAMI CHAMBER:** The Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce is working to bring you information and resources to help you and your business through the COVID-19 crisis. To apply and for more information, visit: <https://bit.ly/2KCvTN3>.

## SOBEWFF® & FIU CHAPLIN SCHOOL HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY RELIEF FUND:

Providing immediate financial support to independently owned and operated restaurants and bars impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic in Miami-Dade County.

To apply and for more information, visit: <https://sobewff.org/industry-relief-form/>.



While staying #SAFERATHOME here are some activities and offerings for the whole family!

## BROCKWAY MEMORIAL LIBRARY VIRTUAL OFFERINGS

- **Puppet Show:** Wednesday, May 6 at 4 PM. *Mr. Rabbit and the Lovely Present.*
- **Like history?** Check out the Miami Shores Village Digital Archives!
- **Mango:** Always wanted to learn a new language? Get the free app from Mango Languages!



## VIRTUAL RECREATION OFFERINGS!

### Virtual Online Activities for the Youth:

- **Jungle Island:** Each week they explore different themes of animals and habitats that can be found at Jungle Island. Visit: <https://bit.ly/2Xiq2DS>



### Virtual Online Activities for the Whole Family:

- **Famous Museums:** 12 Famous Museums offer virtual tours you can take on your couch! Visit: <https://bit.ly/2VckSXg>



### Virtual Online Activities for Adults/Seniors:

- **Tai Chi:** Virtual classes with Tai Chi instructor Oliver Pfeffer. Contact: [pelicantaichi@gmail.com](mailto:pelicantaichi@gmail.com) to schedule!





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**#MSV WE NEED YOU!**

**DOCTORS CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD**  
**Two-Year Term**  
**3 VACANCIES**

**LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Four-Year Term**  
**2 VACANCIES**

If you have any questions concerning the vacancies, please contact the Village Clerk's Office at 305-762-4870 or email rodriguezzy@msvfl.gov. The deadline to apply is **Monday, June 1.**

**AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT**

Miami Shores Village complies with the provisions of the Americans With Disabilities Act. If you are a disabled person requiring accommodations or assistance in conjunction with Village functions, facilities, or programs, please notify the Village Clerk's office at 305-795-2207 of such a need at least 72 hours (3 days) in advance. You may also call this number to request printed material in accessible format, sign language interpreter (5 days advance notice required) or information on available access to individuals with disabilities.

**COUNCIL INFORMATION**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Tuesday, May 5 Council Workshop at 5:30 pm immediately followed by the regularly scheduled May 5 Village Council Meeting.

**RECENT COUNCIL ACTION**

- Approved ordinance on first reading, amending the prohibition of single-use plastic water bottles in any Village facility or on Village property regulations.
- Called a May 5 Village Council Workshop to be held at 5:30 PM, followed by the regularly scheduled Village Council Meeting, to further discuss the establishment of an emergency loan fund program for businesses in Miami Shores with specificity on: (1) the various small business funding programs that are expected to become available in the upcoming days (2) the administration, eligibility criteria, and available Village funding source(s) researched by Village Manager for the proposed program (3) alternative funding mechanisms proffered by individual Councilmembers regarding the proposed emergency fund program.
- Directed the Village Manager to coordinate a Farm Share event(s) at Miami Shores for the public at large in the near future.

