

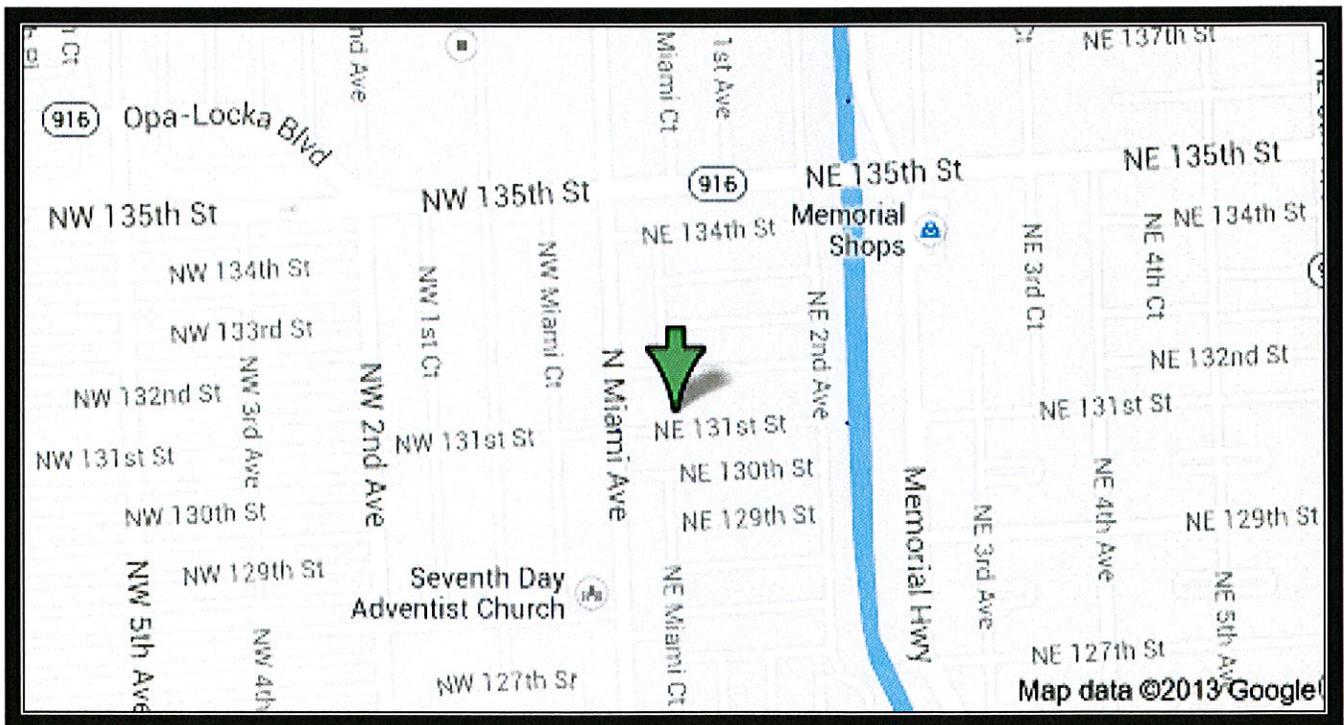
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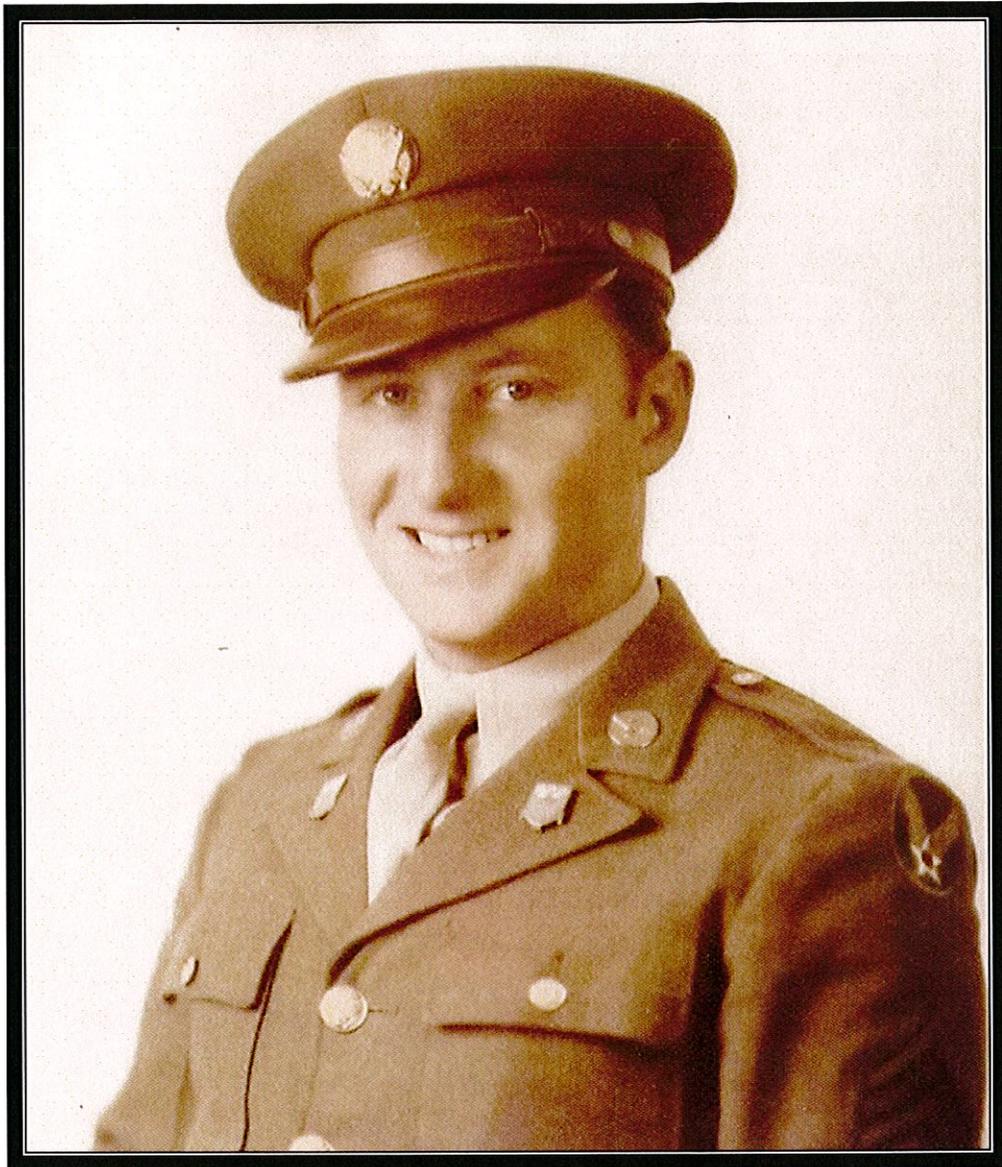
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Request for Street Co-Designation to Honor Richard & Cherry Cook

55 N.E. 131st Street
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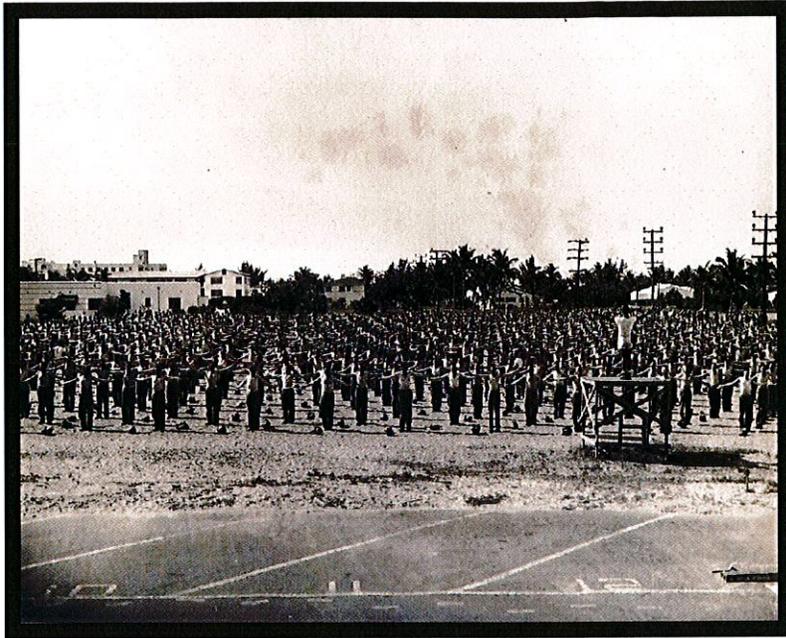




Richard L. Cook

1915-2010

**World War II Veteran
Sergeant, Army Air Force
Supervisor of Foreign Mail, US Post Office
Pioneer and Leader
The City of North Miami**



**Richard L. Cook leads 2,600 Army Air Force Men in Physical Training.
South Beach, Florida**

My name is Cheryl Cook and I have put this request together with the hope that the City of North Miami will help me honor my parents, Richard & Cherry Cook. I am asking this of the City, as I feel that this honor would be the legacy that my Father would have been so proud to have bestowed on him by the City that he loved and served, tirelessly for close to 30 years.

Please allow me to introduce you to my Father, Richard "Dick" Cook.

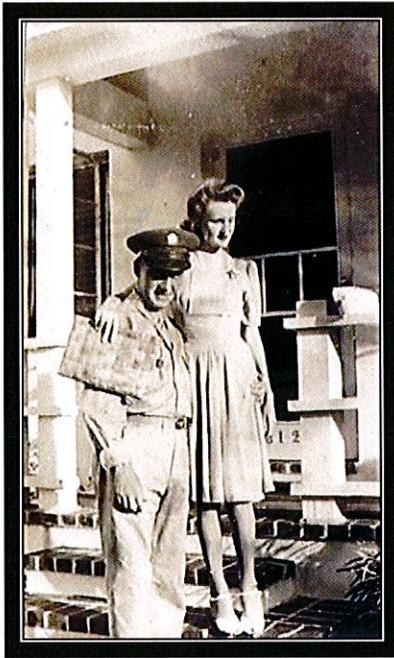
My Father was born in Syracuse, NY from a very poor family in 1915. The family was so poor they were forced to send my Father to another family to be raised as they could not afford to feed him. His spirit and determination would not hold him back. He worked odd jobs and managed to pay his way to a College Degree from Syracuse University in Physical Education.

World War II called and my Pop was ready, willing and able. He worked his way to a Sergeant's status in the Army Air Force. At one point the Army took over all of South Beach for two reasons, training the men and watching for German Submarines off of our shores.

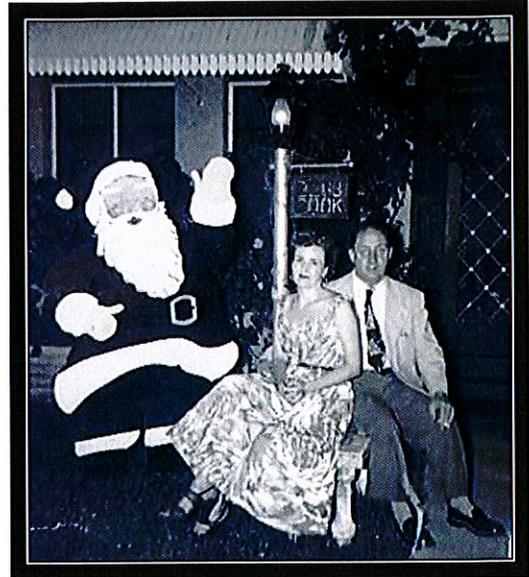
It was during this time my Father met my Mother, Cherry Lee Anderson. She worked at the Five and Dime. He used to say that he met a million dollar baby at a five and ten cent store. As a child, I loved that saying. I was not aware at the time, that those were the lyrics to a song. My Mother, at age 18, had been sent to Miami to be cared for by an Aunt. Her family could no longer afford to feed or care for her.

My Father and his battalion were sent to the Tinian Islands. This part of World War II History is a very important part of this war. It was from the actions that happened there that ultimately ended the war. The parts to create the atomic bomb were delivered to my Father's battalion, assembled and then dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. This action ended the war, but was it worth the cost? This question weighed on my Father's heart and mind for the rest of his life.

The war now over, my Father and Mother settled in Syracuse. My Father's friend wanted him to be a partner in business. He told him that he did not want to sell farm and lawn equipment all his life and he was tired of the winters. The Cook's were Florida bound! His friend, John Deere, did very well for himself.



From WWII to Syracuse, NY



From Syracuse to Coral Gables, Florida



**From Coral Gables to Breezeswept, North Miami, Florida
1960- Present / Permanent Residence
Cheryl Cook**

My father served the City of North Miami in many capacities for over 30 years. He served on the Planning and Zoning Board and was Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission. In addition to attending Board and Commission meetings, he spent countless hours visiting the parks and meeting with citizens of all ages and leisure interests. He traveled the nation attending educational conferences and workshops on behalf of the City. He also created the Crime Watch program in Breezeswept that involved hundreds of residents in protecting their property and effectively reducing crime. In 1960 in unison with the City's road work project, he single handedly planted palm trees lining both sides of 131st Street.

Besides my father's community service to the City, he was a life time member and past Commander of the American Legion and a Mason. He was also a leader in many other charitable organizations including the Heart Association, He helped create and organize efforts which are now common place like blood drives.

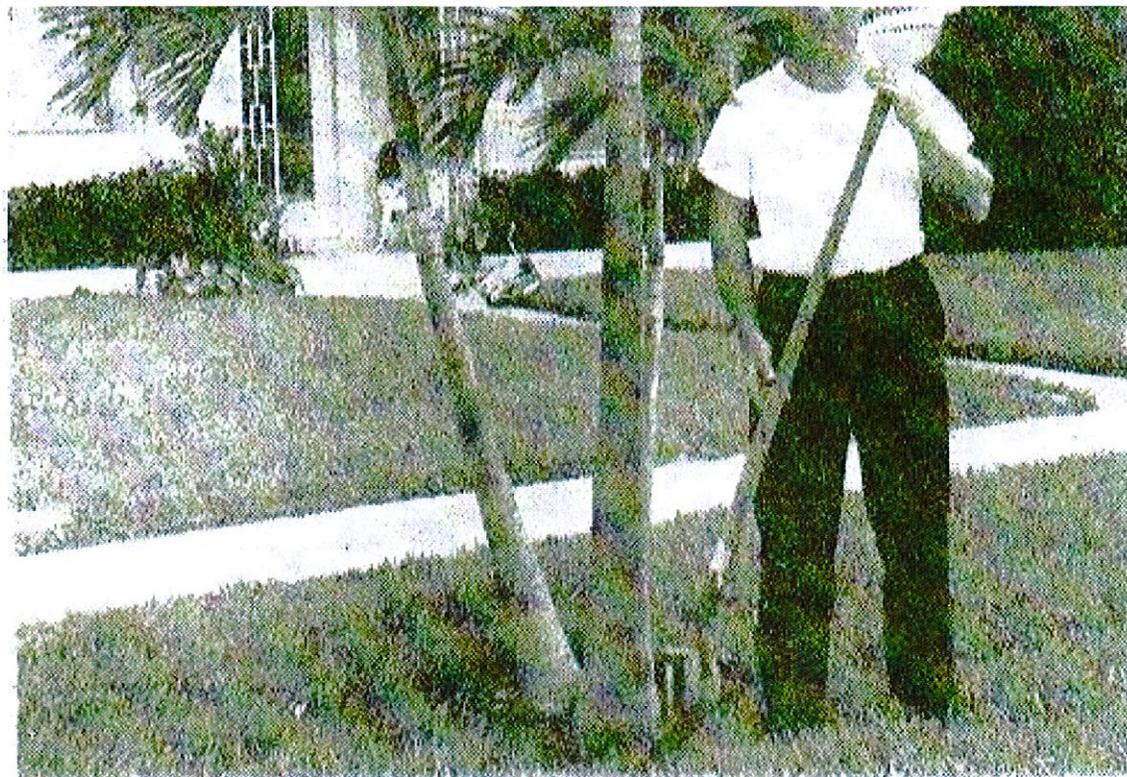
My father would have been 97 this past September 9th. He was 94 when he passed in 2010. My mother Cherry and his bride of 67 years followed him in 2011. I am remaining and restoring our family home and continue to carry on our family's allegiance to the City of North Miami.

I believe my father's contributions, accomplishments and dedication to family, community and country are deserving of having our Street named in his honor. He was and will always be part of the greatest generation.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Cook
727-455-9868



"WITH MY OWN SPADE, I did it," says Richard Cook, as he shows off one of the palm trees beautifying NE 131

St., in Breezeswept. The one man do-it-yourself campaign is drawing to a close after two years of effort.

A Good Neighbor Beautifies N. Miami

George Washington gained fame by chopping down a cherry tree with his little hatchet, but Richard Cook, 55 NE 131 St., North Miami, has won the admiration and affection of an entire neighborhood by planting over 50 Adonidia palm trees with the aid of his trusty spade.

Cook's do-it-yourself beautification campaign was started a little over two years ago when the State Road Department messed up the sod and shrubbery along NE 131 St., during a road reconstruction project.

When it looked as if the SRD wasn't going to do a thing over and above the paving, Cook secured the names of neighbors on both sides of the streets asking the North Miami City Council to intervene.

City officials were able to secure SRD agreement to replacing the sod, but none of the other flora which adorned the street.

Since beggars can't be choosers, the residents accepted the offer, but Cook wasn't fully satisfied. He still wanted plain trees along the right-of-way. He scoured the area looking for the right kind of tree and at a price the residents could afford.

He found that Leo's Nursery in the neighborhood would let him have the Adonidia palms, usually selling for \$25-

home, whose owner had the use of his regular landscaper. Cook planted all of the trees that today line NE 131 St.

The project has stretched into a two year program and with the exception of five neighbors, who haven't made up their minds, the program is nearly complete.

What makes the effort more noteworthy is that Cook is not a professional landscaper or tree surgeon. For the past 14 years, he's been working for the United States Post Office in the foreign mail section of Biscayne Annex.

The Cooks originally came here from Syracuse, N. Y., where Richard worked for the John Deere Corp. was a physical education director for the YMCA and taught physical education at the Onondaga Valley Academy.

Civic Assn. Meets Today

Bill McDowell, president of Biscayne Gardens Civic Association, invites all

**NORTH
MIAMI**

FLORIDA'S FILM AND
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Proclamation

Whereas: *The City of North Miami congratulates and thanks RICHARD L. COOK for over twenty-eight years of leadership and dedication to the community as a citizen board member; and*

WHEREAS: *RICHARD L. COOK has been a member of the City's Parks and Recreation Commission, formerly the Parks, Recreation and Beautification Board and formerly the Beautification Committee, since 1963 - or twenty-eight years; and*

WHEREAS: *RICHARD L. COOK has also served to beautify the North Miami community and is credited with initiating the Street Tree Planting Program in 1963, when he personally planted all of the trees that today line N.E. 131st Street; and*

WHEREAS: *RICHARD L. COOK served for nine years as the Chairman of the Parks, Recreation and Beautification Board and, as such, led the way for the adoption of the City's Parks and Recreation Master Plan and the adoption of the \$1 million redevelopment program which renovated the City's park system.*

NOW, THEREFORE, *in consideration of the foregoing, I, CHRISTINE M. MORENO, as Mayor of the City of North Miami, on behalf of the Council and citizens, do hereby proclaim that the 1991 Summer Leisure Program of the City of North Miami Parks and Recreation Department be dedicated to*

RICHARD L. COOK

with deep appreciation for his many years of volunteer service to the community as the official "MR. PARKS AND RECREATION" of North Miami!

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, *I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of North Miami to be affixed this 23rd day of April, 1991.*



Mayor

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The American Legion

Department of Florida

Certificate of Service

This Certifies That

RICHARD L. COOK

served as Commander of Post No. 311 ,

in MIAMI Florida,

The American Legion, Department of Florida,

during the term 1952-1953, and in such service

rendered important contributions to the

Community, State, and Nation.

Dated this 24th day of May, 1953.

Ernest H. Rowan
Department Adjutant

Cradison A. Munnich
Department Commander

"For God and Country - - -"

The American Legion



CERTIFICATE OF CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP

ISSUED IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION FOR FAITHFUL AND DEDICATED ALLEGIANCE
TO THE IDEALS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION. BE IT KNOWN THAT

RICHARD L. COOK

A LONGTIME AND DEDICATED MEMBER OF AMERICAN LEGION POST 311
DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA

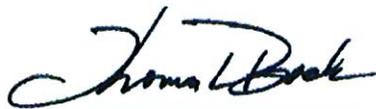
HAS BEEN CERTIFIED TO HAVE BEEN A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING CONTINUOUSLY FOR OVER

60
YEARS

AND BE IT FURTHER KNOWN THAT SUCH RECORD OF CONSISTENT LOYALTY TO
THE AMERICAN LEGION MERITS THE HONOR OF BEING CITED AS AN OUTSTANDING
CONTRIBUTOR TO THE PROGRAMS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THIS TESTIMONIAL OF PERSONAL GRATITUDE IS GIVEN
UNDER THE HAND OF THE NATIONAL COMMANDER, AND DULY ATTESTED BY THE NATIONAL
ADJUTANT AND A POST OFFICER, THIS 15TH DAY OF MARCH, 2006.

ATTEST:



NATIONAL COMMANDER

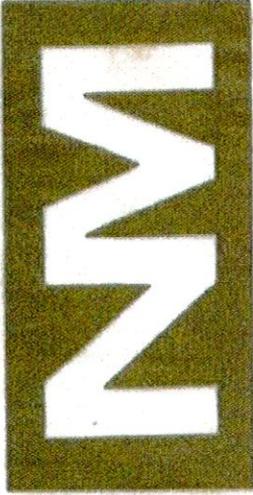


NATIONAL ADJUTANT



POST OFFICER

CITY OF



NORTH

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CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

PRESENTED TO

Richard L. Cook

Planning Commission

11-16-65

6-10-69

The City Council of North Miami takes pleasure in presenting this Certificate of Appreciation to you in recognition of your valuable contribution to the progress and promotion of our community. On this, the 8 day of the month of July 1969 in North Miami, Florida.



MAYOR



The Most Worshipful
Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons
of Florida

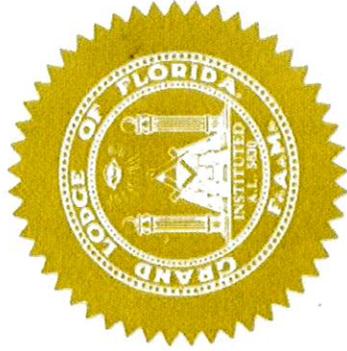
Fifty-Five Year Certificate

Whereas

A Master Mason of **West Broward** Lodge Number **253** of **Pembroke Pines** Florida was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on the **20th** day of **March**, **1947** and has been active in Masonic service for more than fifty five years.

Now Therefore,

in recognition of his many years of faithful service and his loyalty to Masonry, and pursuant to the order of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Florida, we do hereby issue this certificate of appreciation.



In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Grand Lodge to be hereto affixed.

Dated at Jacksonville, Florida, this **5th** day of **February** A.L. 60 02

A.D. 20 02

ATTEST

Ray Con Abbott
GRAND SECRETARY

Richard L. Cook
GRAND MASTER

Here is the digital package.

-----Original Message-----

From: scott <scott@scott-galvin.com>
To: ncdclogistics <ncdclogistics@aol.com>
Sent: Tue, Nov 19, 2013 4:36 pm
Subject: Re: Cheryl Cook - Street Renaming?

Digital is far better if you have it that way!
Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

-----Original Message-----

From: ncdclogistics@aol.com
Date: Tue, 19 Nov 2013 16:32:39
To: <scott@scott-galvin.com>
Subject: Re: Cheryl Cook - Street Renaming?

Hello Scott!

I have prepared the Bio on my Father. I would like to deliver the hard copy to you. Let me know where and when I can do this.

Thanks again!

Cheryl Cook

-----Original Message-----

From: Scott Galvin <scott@scott-galvin.com>
To: ncdclogistics <ncdclogistics@aol.com>
Cc: Natasha Colebrook-Williams <ncolebrook-williams@northmiamifl.gov>; Scott Galvin <scott@scott-galvin.com>
Sent: Fri, Nov 15, 2013 9:02 pm
Subject: Fw: Cheryl Cook - Street Renaming?

Hi, Cheryl,

Here are the procedures we must follow for the street renaming. Can you please prepare some sort of "bio" that describes your parents contributions to the community? I'd like it to be part of the original request in case anyone has questions.

Thanks!

Scott Galvin
North Miami City Council
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----- Forwarded Message -----

From: "Colebrook-Williams, Natasha" <ncolebrook-williams@northmiamifl.gov>
To: Scott Galvin <scott@scott-galvin.com>
Cc: "Claude, Lumane P." <LClaude@northmiamifl.gov>; "Johnson, Stephen" <stephenjohnson@northmiamifl.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2013 1:24 PM
Subject: RE: Cheryl Cook - Street Renaming?

Councilman Galvin,

Please find attached the procedures for renaming a street. In the event you received the previous email, please disregard. Thank you.

Natasha Colebrook-Williams
Governmental Affairs Manager

City of North Miami
305-895-9898 - direct

green North Miami Please print only if necessary

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From: Scott Galvin [<mailto:scott@scott-galvin.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2013 3:21 PM
To: Colebrook-Williams, Natasha
Cc: Scott Galvin; ncdclogistics@aol.com
Subject: Cheryl Cook - Street Renaming?

Hi, Natasha,

Cheryl Cook is a resident of 55 NE 131 Street. Her parents, Richard and Cherry Cook, were pioneers of the area and very involved in the community. Please see her email below. She's interested in having their street renamed posthumously in her parents' honor. Can you please look into what that would take?

Thanks,

Scott Galvin
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From: "ncdclogistics@aol.com" <ncdclogistics@aol.com>
To: scott@scott-galvin.com
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2013 12:26 PM
Subject: From Cheryl Cook

Hey Scott!

Hope all is well with you!

I having been thinking about something lately and thought I would run it by you....

As the streets and sidewalks are being replaced in front of our family home, owned since 1960, I would like to put my parent's names, Richard & Cherry Cook, in the "hat" to have "our" Street named in their honor.

As you know my Father served the City of North Miami in many capacities for 30 years or more. He served on the Planning and Zoning Board and was Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Committee. He also created the Crime Watch program in Breezeswept. In 1960, following road work, he planted Palms, single handedly, lining both sides of N.E. 131st Street.

My Father served as a Sergeant in World War II for the Army Air Force and was stationed in the Tinian Islands. His battalion was responsible for dropping the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, which ended World War II.

Beside my Father's involvement in the City of North Miami he was a Life Time member and past Commander of the American Legion and a Master Mason. He was also a leader in many other charitable organizations including the Heart Association and helped create and organize efforts which are now common place like blood drives.

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I think my Father's accomplishments, love and service to the City of North Miami is deserving of having "our" Street named in their honor.

I just wanted to run this by you and see what you thought.

Thank you!

Cheryl Cook

PS: Thank you for seeing that my Father was honored with the Key to the City. I guess it must have been stolen during one of the break-in's over the years, as I have not been able to find it. It was one of his most prized possessions.

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