District 4 Neighbors,

Welcome to the Fall 2019 Issue of “D4 in Action”

First and foremost, I would like to thank each and every one of my District 4 residents for your love, encouragement and support during this past election. I am honored, once again, to have been elected to serve you as your District 4 Councilman on the North Miami City Council.

I’m also very grateful to have been appointed to serve as Chairman of Sister Cities International Membership Committee. On a global scale, I will lead my peers around the world to recruit community leaders to promote peace though relationships centered on cultural, educational, information and trade exchanges. I look forward to building new relationships and sharing North Miami with the world.

Again, THANK YOU, from the bottom of my heart, for being there through it all, with me.

Councilman Alix Desulme, Ed.D.
City of North Miami, District 4

The People’s Celebration: Councilman Desulme alongside City of North Miami residents as they participate in The People’s Celebration, an event geared towards strengthening relationships between newly elected officials and residents.
Feeding North Miami

As a part of my ongoing “Eat Healthy in D4” initiative that works to provide residents with healthy eating alternatives on June 11, 2019, the Mayor and Council passed a resolution sponsored by Councilman Alix Desulme, to move forward with a partnership between the City of North Miami & Feeding South Florida. The resolution works to offer free services to North Miami residents including a food pantry, registered dietitian nutrition classes, assistance with SNAP, TCP, Medicaid and Florida Kidcare Applications. The pantry will be located at Sunkist Grove Community Center. The Pantry will service the public 3 times a week on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Call District 4 staff at 786-570-9502 for more details.

The Nomi Food Market
Ribbon Cutting
October 25, 2019, 10:00 a.m.
Sunkist Grove Community Center
12500 NW 13 Avenue, North Miami, FL 33167

Open to the public starting Monday, October 28, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
MARKET HOURS OF OPERATION
Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
For more information, please call District 4 staff at 786-570-9502.

D4 Sprinkler System Program

North Miami residents will now have the option to apply for a new sprinkler system under the City’s Home Beautification Program. If you’re selected, the City will furnish and install all materials needed for an automated irrigation system. Greener grass is on the horizon for District 4 residents. For more information, call 305-895-9828.

Broken Bin?
For replacement or repairs on your residential trash or recycle bin please contact WastePro at 305-651-7011.
For assistance in Creole, contact District 4 staff at 786-570-9502.
For assistance in Spanish, contact District 4 staff at 786-339-5255.

For further inquiries, you can also contact the City Code Compliance at 305-895-9832 or visit http://www.northmiamifl.gov/sanitation.
1. What is a decennial census?
Every 10 years, the federal government conducts a population count of everyone in the United States. Data from the census provides the basis for distributing more than $675 billion in federal funds annually to communities across the country to support vital programs impacting housing, education, transportation, employment, health care, and public policy.

2. What information will be requested?
The decennial census will collect basic information about the people living in one household. When completing the census, people should count everyone who is living in their household on April 1st, 2020.

The Census Bureau will never ask for:
• Social Security numbers.
• Bank or credit card account numbers.
• Money or donations.
• Anything on behalf of a political party.

3. Is the 2020 census form only in English?
NO. The online form as well as telephone assistance will be in 12 Non-English languages including Haitian Creole, Spanish, Chinese (Simplified) and Portuguese. The printed questionnaire will be in English and Spanish only.
Planning is Key
The North Miami Division of Emergency Management encourages everyone to have a plan in case we experience a Hurricane in South Florida.

- Have a plan to secure your home.
- Make sure you have an emergency kit.
- Plan for where you will go if you have to evacuate.
- You need food and water for at least 3 days.
- Make sure you have a portable phone charger.
- If you are disabled or have mobility issues, call 311 to register for evacuation assistance.
- Do not wait until the last minute to prepare.

Tree Trimming
Improperly pruning trees before a storm can cause more damage than people realize. A large amount of fallen and damaged trees are usually seen after a storm. When a tree is improperly cut its branches are even more vulnerable. The new branch attachment becomes weak, making the tree more likely to break apart which can damage property.

Prepare several months prior to hurricane season by doing the following:

- If you must prune trees, do so during the tree species dormant season or during early spring.
- Before doing the work, make sure the lawn care worker/tree trimmer is a certified arborist. Ask to see their registration/license and insurance. Get a quote in writing.
- NEVER “top” or “hatrack” any tree. “Hatracking” is the term used for when a tree is cut or chopped so badly that it is left with few or no leaves on the branches.
- DO NOT remove more than 25% of the tree canopy (the branches and leaves of the tree).
- DO NOT cut the tree root system.
- Remove mainly the interior branches. This will thin the canopy of the tree and allow winds to pass through it easier.
- Make sure to correctly dispose of all tree cuttings since branches and stumps left out in the open can become projectiles during a storm.

If residents follow these easy tips, the impact from tree damage during a storm can be reduced.


Driveway Approach - Back by popular demand!

A driveway approach is an area, construction or improvement between the roadway of a public street to a definite area of the private property.

The City of North Miami in an effort spearheaded by myself with assistance from our Public Works Department is working to provide D4 residents with driveways approaches. Participating residents are asked to pay $100 towards the cost of labor and service. In exchange residents will receive driveway approaches. Residents plagued with the issue of not being able to access their personal driveways because of the deteriorating condition of the concrete pavement in their approaches will no longer be an issue. For more information, call Mayor and Council staff at 305-895-9815.
We are pleased to report that this renovation project is now 85% completed! The last finishing touches will include the multi-color decorative mesh “wave” design on top of building. The project is on schedule to be completed by December 2019.

Completed Items include:
- Improved ballout lighting
- New landscaping and uplighting
- Resting area located in the front of the property
- Mosaic tile display on entrance steps
- New roll-down gates

**Fall Programming at Thomas Sasso Pool & Playground**

1100 NW 125 Street, North Miami, FL 33168

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Resident Fee: $40 / Non-Resident Fee: $60 (Per Session)

Note: (*) Must have instructor approval.

**Preschool I & II Water Fun** Ages 3 - 5
- Tuesday - Friday: 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.
- Saturday & Sunday: 10:15 - 10:45 a.m.

**Beginner** Ages 6 - 14
- Tuesday - Friday: 4:30 - 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday & Sunday: 10:50 - 11:20 a.m.

**Advanced Beginner** Ages 6 - 14
- Tuesday - Friday: 4:30 - 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday & Sunday: 10:15 - 10:45 a.m.

**Intermediate** Ages 6 - 14
- Tuesday - Friday: 5:00 - 5:30 p.m.
- Saturday & Sunday: 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Advanced** Ages 6 - 14
- Tuesday - Friday: 5:00 - 5:30 p.m.
- Saturday & Sunday: 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Water Fitness** (classes on-going)
- Residents: $3 • Non-Residents: $4 • Seniors: $1
- Thursday & Friday: 10:30 - 11:15 a.m. (Shallow Water)
- Saturday: 10:15 - 11:00 a.m.
- Chair lift is available for assistance in and out of the pool.
  For additional information please call 305-681-0701.

**Adult Swim** (classes on-going)
- Residents: $5 • Non-Residents: $6
- Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday: 5:00 - 5:30 p.m.
- Saturday & Sunday: 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- Learn to swim or improve your swimming skills.

For a full list of class description visit, NorthMaimifl.gov/Parks

Proud District 4 resident, Beverly Hilton recently joined the North Miami Police Department family as the new Crime Watch Coordinator. She has embraced our mission, and is actively recruiting residents to aid in our efforts in keeping the City and District a safer place to live, work, and visit. For more information, call 786-271-1224.
Independence Day Celebration By the Bay: This year’s July 4th festivities marked the official launch of the city of North Miami’s Census 2020 awareness campaign. The City’s Census team was on-site to answer questions, provide related literature, as well as hosted a free photo booth to add to the fun. The evening included a kids corner, live music, carnival games, prizes, a jumbo slide, bouncing obstacle course and a spectacular 30-minute firework display. This year’s host, DJ Hercules, kept the excitement flowing as a crowd of 3,500+ guests enjoyed live music by the band, Entourage. Vice Mayor Carol Keys, Councilman Alix Desulme, Ed.D., State Representative Dotie Joseph and City Clerk Vanessa Joseph.

Sister Cities International Reception: This event was held in celebration of Sister Cities International where we were able to raise over $10,000 to support the organization’s ongoing commitments to creating global relationships centered in cultural, educational, information and trade exchanges. As well as being your Councilman I serve on the Sister Cities International Board of Directors. As a board member we work to promote peace through mutual respect, understanding, and cooperation. It gives our great City of North Miami the opportunity to align with a powerful, thriving global and local network.

Councilman Desulme being honored by Pastor Salmand Ram Louis-Pierre of Eglise Baptitse Universelle De Jesus Christ, Inc. alongside North Miami Beach Commissioner Paul Villard.

Haitian Heritage Month: Florida State Representative Dotie Joseph and Councilman Desulme address the crowd at Taste of Haiti, North Miami on May 2, 2019. Taste of Haiti, North Miami included, live entertainment, a live cooking contest, kids activities, and multiple vendors.
This annual District 4 Town Hall meeting will focus on Housing Rehabilitation. Other topics to be discussed: Police, Social Services, Emergency Management, Streets and Public Works.

For more information, please contact the Office of the Mayor and Council at 305-895-9815.