Dear District 4 Neighbors,

Happy New Year! The year 2020 is finally here; and I’m super excited for what’s to come. I trust and hope that you had a lovely holiday season, filled with friends and loved ones. The year began with my appointment to Vice Mayor of the North Miami City Council. I will serve a one-year term as second in command, and acting Mayor when necessary, giving me this unique opportunity to serve all North Miami residents.

I am also proud to report that the grand opening of our very own NoMi Food Market was a huge success. The Feeding North Miami Food Pantry opened its doors back in October and continues to serve all North Miami residents. As a result of this initiative, on December 4, 2019, the City was honored by Feeding South Florida, as its Municipal Partner of the Year, at their 5th annual Happy Harvest Breakfast. To visit the NoMi Food Market, please call 305-953-3053 to make an appointment.

Earlier this year, I was also appointed to serve as Vice Chair of the National League of Cities’ (NLC) 2020 Information Technology and Communications Committee and as Chairman of the National Haitian-American Elected Officials Network (NHAEON). I am truly honored and thankful to serve and represent North Miami on a national scale within these organizations.

We have a lot of exciting programs and events coming up in the next few months. Stay tuned and see you around town!

Vice Mayor Alix Desulme, Ed.D.
City of North Miami
United States Census 2020

National Census Day will take place April 1, 2020. Beginning in mid-March, people will receive a notice in the mail from the U.S. Census Bureau, a nonpartisan government agency, inviting everyone to respond to the 2020 Census. In 2020, for the first time ever, the U.S. Census Bureau will accept responses online. You will also be able to respond by phone or by mail.

How can we respond to the 2020 Census?
- In 2020, for the first time ever, the U.S. Census Bureau will accept responses online.
- The 2020 U.S. Census Questionnaire will be available in mobile format, allowing us to self-respond on phones and other devices.
- There is still the option to respond by mail or phone. Responding should take less than 10 minutes.

Do Census results and/or data really influence something I care about? Yes.
- Federal Funds: For every 100 people not counted, a community loses and estimated $1.4 million in federal funds for programs such as block grants for Medicaid, childcare, social services, and vocational education.
- Political Representation: Census numbers re-draw boundaries for 435 congressional districts (27 in FL); 1,971 state senate districts (40 in FL); 5,411 house districts (120 in FL); county commissions (67 in FL); city/municipal councils (35 in Miami-Dade County); school boards (again, 67 in FL).
- Public Infrastructure: Census data is used by the Highway Planning and Construction Program, Federal Transit Formula Grants Program, Federal Transit Capital Investment Grants Program, National Motor Carrier Safety Program, State and Community Highway Safety Grant Program, Federal Transit Metropolitan Planning Grant Program, etc.

What is the NoMi Golden Silver Senior Program?
On September 30, 2015, my North Miami City Council colleagues and I, unanimously voted to fund a senior program as a part of an age-friendly city initiative. The mission of the NoMi Golden Silver Senior Program is to enhance the quality of life for North Miami seniors, while promoting healthy aging. The program meets twice a week at selected community centers throughout the City. Its purpose is to provide services to increase physical and mental stimulation, prevent isolation and loneliness, encourage socialization and promote healthy eating among elders in our community.

The NoMi Golden Silver Senior Program has a number of activities that keep our participants engaged:
- Wellness & Fitness
- Arts & Crafts
- Educational Workshops
- Blood Pressure & Diabetes Screenings
- Field Trips
- Group Games
- Outdoor Activities
- Aerobic Exercise Classes

Vice Mayor Desulme was appointed by the City Council to be the City of North Miami 2020 Census Chairman.

If you wish to contact the North Miami Census 2020 Office please call:
Summer Jones, Census Outreach Coordinator at 305-893-6511 ext. 12152.
Anite Delice, Assistant Census Coordinator (Creole) at 305-893-6511 ext. 12151
Francisco Medranda, Management Analyst (Spanish) at 305-893-6511 ext. 12110

The Housing and Social Services Department invites you to the 5th Annual NoMi Golden Silver Seniors Program Luncheon
Friday, February 7, 2020
11:00 a.m.
JOE CELESTIN COMMUNITY CENTER
1525 NW 135 Street, North Miami, FL 33167

Kindly RSVP to Walon Saintille by Monday, February 3, 2020 at wsaintille@northmiamifl.gov or by calling at 786-570-9502.
Our Seniors are Sowing the Seeds

As part of a mini grant to revitalize the community garden at Clyde Judson Community Center in District 4, participants of the NoMi Golden Silver Senior program planted three new citrus trees, approximately 40 vegetable/herb seedlings, and laid new soil down. The planting took place Wednesday, December 18, 2019.
NoMi Food Market Ribbon Cutting

In partnership with Feeding South Florida and the Florida Blue Foundation, Vice Mayor Alix Desulme, Ed.D, launched Feeding North Miami, the NoMi Food Market.

Feeding North Miami is the first local government-supported food pantry organized through Feeding South Florida. The pantry provides fruits and vegetables, protein, dairy and shelf-stable items. Health and beauty items, such as diapers and personal hygiene products are also available.

To apply for food pantry services, call 305-953-3053 to make an appointment. Proof of North Miami residency is required. Only one registration per household is allowed. Please note, shopping appointments are limited. Item quantities may be limited based on household size.

Located at Sunkist Grove Community Center
12500 NW 13 Avenue, North Miami, FL 33167
Operating Days & Hours:
Monday, Wednesday & Friday:
8:30 - 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.
NoMi Restaurant Boot Camp Program

In an effort to help existing restaurants thrive and improve in the current market, Vice Mayor Desulme sponsored and created the NoMi Restaurant Boot Camp Program. The program is funded by the North Miami Community Redevelopment Agency (NMCRA). The boot camp will include restaurant owners in North Miami. The training is geared toward helping restaurant owners improve their performance and revenue. Stay tune for details.

If you did not make it on the first cohort, a new class will begin in October 2020. For more information and to apply, please contact:

Chef Vicky Colas
Pro Kitchen Hub
5007 N. Hiatus Road, Sunrise, FL 33351
954-812-6698  vicky@prokitchenhub.com
www.prokitchenhub.com
CHECKING IN WITH
State Representative Dotie Joseph

The Honorable Dotie Joseph represents our North Miami community in the Florida Legislature as our District 108 State Representative. In her first term in office, she sponsored and co-sponsored legislation to allow victims of domestic violence to qualify for unemployment compensation, eliminate confusion with flood insurance, and created a commission to celebrate the 100 Year Anniversary of the 19th Amendment, which guarantees all American women the right to vote in the U.S.

Representative Joseph helped secure state funding to address the City’s issues with sea level rise and senior meals. She also hosted several food distributions, small business workshops, and town hall meetings in North Miami to inform residents of what’s happening in Tallahassee.

REPRESENTATIVE JOSEPH’S CONTACT INFORMATION
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402 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300
850-717-5108

District Office
12330 Northeast 8 Avenue
Miami, FL 33161-5607
305-892-4296

NoMi Department Spotlight
Office of the City Clerk

MAKE 2020 COUNT! Vanessa Joseph, Esq., Elected City Clerk

The Office of the City Clerk is excited to be entering the New Year and new decade with the citizens of North Miami. This year, we hope to increase civic engagement throughout 2020 to ensure North Miami residents are counted during elections and in the upcoming United States Census.

The Office of the City Clerk has voter registration forms available in English, Creole, and Spanish. This team will be diligently working to register new voters and ensure that registered voters update their information. The deadline to register to vote in advance of the 2020 General Election is October 5, 2020.

Additionally, we encourage you to get involved with one of our City boards. This is by far one of the best ways to participate directly in city government. For more information, visit www.northmiamifl.gov/232/Boards-Commissions.

We hope that you take advantage of these two opportunities to make your voice heard. For more information, call 305-895-9817.

BOARD, COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE VACANCIES
Get involved in your community. Make an impact in your city!

6 VACANCIES
Advisory Committee on the Disabled

11 VACANCIES
Affordable Housing Advisory Committee

3 VACANCIES
Board of Adjustment

4 VACANCIES
Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Committee

5 VACANCIES
Community Relations Board

5 VACANCIES
Disaster Preparedness Board

5 VACANCIES
Library Board

4 VACANCIES
Nuisance Abatement Board

3 VACANCIES
Parks and Recreation Commission

2 VACANCIES
Personnel Board

2 VACANCIES
Planning Commission

4 VACANCIES
Quality Education Advisory Board

Note: Number of vacancies may vary.
Overview
As part of Vice Mayor Desulme’s Lets Eat Healthy initiative, a local Farmer’s Market is in the works. Once established, the food market will provide residents access to healthy alternatives from agricultural vendors. A local Farmer’s Market promotes access to fresh fruits, vegetables, and nutritional food. A lack of healthy options can lead to poor diets and to diet-related conditions such as obesity or diabetes.

Program Mission
The mission of the City of North Miami Community Based Farmer’s Market is to provide healthy eating alternatives to local residents, combat unemployment through entrepreneurship, and provide training that will establish residents as Farmer’s Market sellers.

Program Components
Once approved and established, the City of North Miami’s Community Based Farmer’s Market will take place at a local destination in District 4. The program is currently in its developmental phase; but one major discussion is to include a five to eight week training camp that empowers participants on how to run a Farmer’s Market. More details to come.
SATURDAY
6 - 11 p.m.
02.29.2020
5TH ANNUAL
CAGNI PARK
13498 NE 8 Avenue,
North Miami, FL 33161
Bring your lawn chairs.
No coolers permitted.
Hosted by
CHUBB ROCK
ADINA HOWARD
SUNSHINE ANDERSON
TEENEAR
NOTICE OF FILMING AND PHOTOGRAPHY
By attending a City of North Miami event, you are entering an area where photography, audio, and video recording may occur. By agreeing to these terms, you consent to photography, audio recording, video recording and its release, publication, exhibition, or reproduction to be used for promotional purposes, advertising, inclusion on websites, social media, or any other purpose by the City of North Miami and its representatives.

$10.00 Admission
Prices increase after February 15, 2020.

Purchase Tickets at www.NoMiFest.com

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For more information call 786-570-9502.