Dear District 4 Neighbors,

Welcome to D4 in Action. As we continue to adjust with the effects of the global pandemic, I hope that you and your family are well, healthy and safe. The city of North Miami understands that these are very difficult times. We are doing our very best to help and assist our residents through food distributions, weekly pantry services, rental assistance programs, and small business grants.

I want to emphasize how important it is to follow the CDC and Dr. Anthony Fauci’s guidance by social distancing, wearing a mask or face covering, getting tested, and staying home if you have mild to severe symptoms. These measures not only benefit you, but also protect your loved ones. As we approach a new budget season during these difficult times, I want to assure you that we, the members of the City Council, are doing our best to serve you.

On a positive note, I am happy to inform you that a historic ordinance, the Citizens Investigative Board (CIB), was recently approved by the North Miami City Council. The CIB will provide for an independent and impartial citizen oversight board to the North Miami Police Department. The NoMi Food Pantry also has a new website, NoMiCares.org. There you can get information about the pantry, and most importantly, make a donation to benefit those most in need.

Vice Mayor Alix Desulme, Ed.D.
City of North Miami
Meet North Miami’s New City Manager

The City of North Miami welcomed Theresa Therilus, Esq., as its new City Manager on July 1, 2020. Ms. Therilus brings her extensive experience in the public sector to the City of North Miami. She has a proven track record of delivering major capital projects. Most recently, in Silicon Valley at the helm of the County of Santa Clara’s procurement department. Ms. Therilus supported the hospital surge efforts for the county’s three hospitals and was responsible for procuring more than $2 billion in goods and services. Prior to her appointment in Santa Clara, the Miami-native served as Assistant Director of Internal Services for Miami-Dade County, where she managed the county’s $330 million multi-year capital budget. We are extremely lucky to have her on board. The City Manager oversees the daily operations of the City and ensures that the policies, directives, resolutions, and ordinances adopted by the City Council are implemented and enforced. To contact the City Manager’s Office, please email citymanager@northmiamifl.gov.

In this edition of D4 in Action, I would like to highlight the new Housing and Social Services Department. Last year, the Housing & Social Services Division was removed from the Community Planning and Development Department and made to stand alone. This council action is a reflection of the ultimate importance attributed to social services. While the department continues to maintain the level of services that were being provided by the division, the Housing and Social Services Department is also improving services and has progressively added more services, especially now during the pandemic. The Department has administered several COVID-19 assistance programs such as: the Utility Assistance Program, Emergency Rental Assistance Program, Mental Health Assistance Program, and most recently, the Mortgage Relief Assistance Program. Information regarding current active programs can be found online at northmiamifl.gov/covid19relief.

Home rehabilitation and beautification remain a priority to preserve North Miami’s housing stock; thus, increasing their value. Emergency assistance to the elderly and homebound residents through home repairs and food delivery are our top priority. Citywide food distribution is becoming one of the best services available to residents during these challenging times. The Leader In Training (LIT), Youth Summer Internship (YOB) and the Golden Silver Seniors Program, one of Social Services oldest activities, will return once it is safe to gather again.

To see what services are available to you, please visit us at www.northmiamifl.gov/housing, call 305-895-9895, or email us at housing@northmiamifl.gov. Assistance is available in English, Spanish and Creole.
Virtual Budget Hearings
The first FY 20 - 21 Budget Hearing took place on Thursday, September 10th at 6:00 p.m. The second FY 20 - 21 Budget Hearing took place on Thursday, September 24th at 6:00 p.m. You can watch the replay at www.youtube.com/CityofNorthMiami. You can view the City’s budget online by visiting NorthMiamiFL.gov/Budget.

North Miami City Council Established the Citizen Investigation Board (CIB)

I sponsored the creation of the CIB, making North Miami the first city in Miami-Dade County to create such a board on its own. The CIB aims to provide transparency, impartial feedback, and community oversight to the North Miami Police Department.

The CIB will have the authority to conduct independent reviews and hold public hearings concerning complaints or misconduct allegations made against North Miami’s sworn officers. The CIB was approved on July 14, 2020.

For more information on the city boards, visit www.northmiamifl.gov/cityclerk.

NoMi Cares
On June 11, 2019, the North Miami City Council unanimously allocated funding for The NoMi Food Market, managed by the City’s Housing and Social Services Department. The NoMi Food Market opened with a mission of ending hunger and poverty by transforming lives through innovative programming and education. This partnership was made possible by the generous contribution of Feeding South Florida and the Florida Blue Foundation.

In March 2020, due to the worldwide shutdown caused by COVID-19, I directed administration to expand the reach of our pantry to include more services. Re-branded as the NoMi Food Pantry, the city of North Miami leadership moved to continue pantry services through structured fund raising, volunteerism and community donations after experiencing a spike in demand brought on by COVID-19.

The pantry is located at the Sunkist Grove Community Center, 12500 NW 13 Avenue, North Miami, FL 33167. To register for assistance through the NOMI Food Pantry, please call 305-953-3053 or visit www.nomicares.org.

The NoMi FOOD PANTRY

You Can Make A Difference
Help fight hunger in North Miami

NorthMiamiFL.gov
Restaurant Delivery Services

In August, the NMCRA launched NoMi Delivers, an incentive program for eligible restaurants and breweries, to cover the cost of delivery for North Miami residents and employees ordering from local North Miami restaurants through UberEats, and GrubHub. The NMCRA will reimburse eligible establishments up to $5,000 a month total for all delivery services. The grants will offset fees that widely-used delivery apps charge restaurants, so these businesses can see a more positive impact on their bottom lines during this critical time. Restaurants that have not registered for this program are encouraged to call 305-895-9839 or email crgrants@northmiamifl.gov to get more information.

How to Use These Offers:

**Grubhub**
OFFER: $4.00 off orders over $10
INSTRUCTIONS: Use code word "NoMiDelivers" at check out.

**UberEats**
OFFER: $5 off orders over $15
INSTRUCTIONS: If you are ordering in North Miami, click the banner ad that will appear at the top and follow the prompts.

Emergency COVID-19 Relief for District 4 Businesses

To help North Miami businesses recover from revenue losses due to the global pandemic, the NMCRA Board approved the Emergency Relief to Jump Start Businesses grant through the North Miami Community Redevelopment Agency. The grant provided ninety-six (96) North Miami businesses with funding of up to $5,000 to jump start their operations.

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**General Election Information**

Even during these challenging times, the Office of the City Clerk wants you to know that we are here to serve you. In keeping with CDC guidelines and local regulations, passport services will be completed by appointment only. You can make an appointment by calling 305-895-9817.

NoMi Votes! We have voter registration forms available in English, Haitian Creole, and Spanish to register new voters and ensure that registered voters update their information. The deadline to register to vote in the November 3, 2020, General Election is October 5, 2020. The deadline to request a vote-by-mail ballot is October 24, 2020, at 5:00 p.m.

For more information on our services, please do not hesitate to contact us at 305-895-9817 or cityclerk@northmiamifl.gov.

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**NoMi VOTES**

**Be Election Ready in 2020!**

Make sure your voter registration information is up to date and check out the Miami-Dade County Voter Information Guide in English, Spanish, Creole by visiting [www.MiamiDade.gov/Elections](http://www.MiamiDade.gov/Elections).

There are three ways to vote: Early voting, vote-by-mail, and at your polling precinct on election day. Early voting for the November 3 General Election begins October 19 and ends on November 1, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the North Miami Public Library, 835 NE 132 Street, North Miami, FL 33161.

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**FREE DRIVE-THRU FOOD DISTRIBUTION**

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Monday, September 28th       Wednesday, September 30th

JOE CELESTIN CENTER
1525 NW 135 Street, North Miami, FL 33167

Please remove all contents from your trunk so that volunteers can place food items in your vehicle.

Each vehicle will receive one package of grocery items.

DRIVE-THRU ONLY • NO WALK-UP SERVICE

Food will be available only on a first come, first served basis.

For more information, contact the City of North Miami's Housing and Social Services Department at 305-895-9895.

NorthMiamiFL.gov
The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) began a Complete Streets project along NW 7 Avenue from Little River Drive to NW 157 Street in Miami-Dade County, which includes North Miami. Traffic may be reduced to one lane during non-peak hours on non-event days, nights and weekends:

- Monday through Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Sunday through Thursday, 9:00 p.m. to 5:30 a.m.
- Fridays and Saturdays, 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.

For more information, visit https://www.miamidade.gov/redevelopment/library/reports/nw-7th-design-guidelines-handbook.pdf

MOCA Free Virtual Art Education

MOCA provides free, creative art programs for your family. Tune in for live art workshops for kids ages 6-13, story-time for toddlers, and after-school art programs for teens taught by professional local artists. For a list of all programs, please visit www.mocanomi.org and select MOCA FROM HOME in menu bar.
What to do if you have COVID-19?

**TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF**
Follow CDC recommendations for home care after testing positive for COVID-19. [https://tinyurl.com/careforyourself](https://tinyurl.com/careforyourself)

**STAY HOME**
Stay in touch with your healthcare provider and follow their advice. Stay away from others.

**NOTIFY YOUR CLOSE CONTACTS**
Alert people that you have been in close contact with while ill that you have tested positive. Tell them to self-isolate for 14 days. Ask them to monitor their health for signs of COVID-19. [https://tinyurl.com/thesearethesymptoms](https://tinyurl.com/thesearethesymptoms)

**CALL OUR LOCAL COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT AT 305-324-2400**
or the COVID-19 24/7 Call Center for questions and additional guidance at 1-866-779-6121.

What can I do to protect myself and prevent the spread of disease?
You can reduce your chances of being infected or spreading COVID-19 by taking some simple precautions:

- **Stay home when you are sick**
- **Avoid contact with people who are sick**
- **Cover your mouth with a tissue or sleeve when coughing or sneezing**
- **Clean and disinfect “high touch” surfaces often**
- **Wash hands often with soap and water — 20 seconds or longer**
- **Dry hands with a clean towel or air dry your hands**
- **Keep at least 6 feet between you and other people**
- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands or after touching surfaces**


**North Miami Relief Efforts**
The City of North Miami continues to provide various COVID-19 relief efforts. To learn more visit [NorthMiamiFL.gov/covid19relief](http://NorthMiamiFL.gov/covid19relief).
Vice Mayor Desulme’s Teleconference Town Hall

Coronavirus and City Resources for Residents

Thursday, October 8, 2020

Call-in number 305-707-6554

- English 5:00 - 6:00 pm
- Spanish 6:00 - 7:00 pm
- Haitian-Creole 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Topics for discussion:
- COVID-19
- Waste Pro
- Housing and Social Services
- CIB (Citizen Investigative Board)
- Code Compliance
- City’s FY 20 -21 Budget

For more information, please call the Mayor and Council’s Office 305-895-9815.

For media inquiries email news@northmiamifl.gov.