



Councilman
Alix Desulme, Ed.D.
Improving the quality of life in D4!

**District 4
Newsletter**

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Dear District 4 Residents,

As your Councilman, I have always taken my job seriously. I firmly believe that you deserve a representative who listens to you at home and stands up for you at City Hall. Most recently, I proudly stood up for you and voted AGAINST the administration's proposal to raise our utility bill.

I was the lone NO vote on the Council. During the discussion, I highlighted why I was going to vote NO; I listed several reasons including the items' timing. We are struggling to keep up with everyday expenses. I did not feel that it was the right time or reason to bring forth such an item.

I was presented with raising the utility on residents so I chose to vote NO.

Overall, last fiscal year, we experienced many challenges. Next year, things will begin to improve. I will be announcing several new initiatives that will benefit residents of District 4 and the great City of North Miami. My priority for our district as I enter my last two years of services will remain three-fold:

- Making government work better for all residents of D4 (including housing programs, street Improvements, seniors, and youth programs).
- We are developing our D4 Corridor including NW 7th Ave, Pepper Park, and other sites throughout the district.
- Ensuring that your voice is heard and respected at City Hall.

In this newsletter, you will be able to learn about my community initiatives, Haiti relief efforts and upcoming city programs and events. I wish you all a healthy and prosperous New Year! Please continue to stay safe and see you all on the journey.

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

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Councilman Desulme's Safer in D4 Program

Program Purpose

The Safer in D4 program will be a pilot initiative that will implement new strategies to reduce local crime rates, eliminate gun violence, and create safer neighborhoods. The goal is to create an alliance between neighbors who wish to build trust and work together to keep their streets crime-free. Working in partnership with the North Miami Police Department, we want to change the perception of how the community engages with law enforcement. By developing a greater sense of community safety and belonging, our goal is to engage in proactive strategies that prevent crime while supporting sustainable and safe communities.

Program Components

This safety initiative will involve activating the following components:

Surveillance & Cameras: The North Miami CRA recently approved the distribution of ring and blink cameras which allow residents to monitor a larger area of their homes. Our goal is to educate residents on how these new cameras may improve their home security.

Increase Police Patrols: To kick off this initiative, Councilman Desulme will partner with the North

Miami Police Department to ensure an increase in Police Officers who are patrolling D4 neighborhoods.

Community Forums: Invite residents to participate in quarterly meetings. During these meetings, residents will complete a survey and engage in a discussion about their neighborhood safety. The goal is to continue measuring and developing the City's security strategies while providing lasting solutions for safety concerns.

Youth Engagement: This program will engage children and teens (between 6 and 18 years of age) in fun activities like sports events, field trips, and cultural-related activities to prevent and combat gang activity. We will work with the City's Youth Opportunity Board, Junior City Council, & the PAL program to identify potential participants.

Safer in D4 Neighbors Program

The Safer in D4 Neighbors Program will be launched in collaboration with residents to reduce crime and create a safer environment for future generations. For more information about the Safer in D4 Program, please contact the Office of Mayor and Council at 305-895-9818.

Supporting Migrants at the Border

On Thursday, September 16, 2021, Chairman of the National Haitian American Elected Officials Network (NHAEON) and Councilman Alix Desulme, E.d.D. received an urgent call from the Executive Director of the Haitian Bridge Alliance, Guerline Jozef, concerning a crisis at the southern border of Texas. It was reported that nearly 6,000 Haitian migrants had arrived and were seeking refuge under the Del Rio Bridge. The number doubled to 12,000 the following day.

With determined urgency, Councilman Desulme mobilized a team of elected officials from NHAEON. He decided to travel to Del Rio, Texas to meet with Ms. Guerline Jozef. Before leaving for Del Rio, Congresswoman Frederica S. Wilson organized a briefing for Chairman Desulme and several members of NHAEON with Secretary of Homeland Security, Alejandro Mayorkas. It was clear to many of us on the conference call that DHS had planned to expel most of the Black immigrants seeking refuge underneath the bridge. This was a clear violation of the U.S.'s own policy to allow any immigrant seeking asylum an opportunity to present their case in front of an immigration judge (Due Process).

NHAEON firmly believe that everyone deserves a fair chance in life and will continue to advocate for the voiceless. We earnestly request that the Administration expands humanitarian efforts to Haitian migrants.



Senate Leader Chuck Schumer
NHAEON Townhall Meeting on Migrants Crisis.



THE DISTRICT 4
SPONSORED APP

COMING SOON!

NoMi Konnect is being created to help with civic engagement and community outreach. It will provide residents with direct access to City of North Miami departments for assistance and support

Elected Officials Corner Congresswoman Frederica Wilson

Congresswoman Frederica S. Wilson is a sixth-term lawmaker from Florida, representing parts of Northern Miami-Dade, including the City of North Miami, and Southeast Broward County. A former school teacher, principal, school board member, and state legislator, she is the founder of the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project which is a mentoring and dropout prevention program for boys and young men of color. This program has saved thousands of black male students from the school-to-prison pipeline and empowered them to become scholars, leaders in their communities, and productive members of society. This past year, Congresswoman Wilson introduced The Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys Act which was signed into law in 2020 as a permanent, bipartisan commission within the United States Commission on Civil Rights, and will address the mistreatment that



black men and boys have endured for generations. While all of these efforts by the Congresswoman benefit the residents of North Miami and beyond, her commitment and direct involvement in the City of North Miami include but are not limited to bringing House Speaker Nancy Pelosi to discuss with the community political unrest in Haiti, supporting residents in their efforts to prevent the Federal Aviation Authority from allowing implantation of a new flight pattern that negatively affected them, honoring the Museum of Contemporary Art for having been recognized for receiving the National Model for Museum Service, and a number of other acts of advocacy, honors and recognitions.

NoMi Department Spotlight

Code Compliance Department

The Code Compliance Department works to maintain and preserve the integrity, appearance, and value of structures, properties and neighborhoods within the City. Be advised, many communities face challenges with abandoned homes, trash, overgrown grass and weeds, graffiti and inoperable vehicles. Code enforcement is the first point of contact in these cases. Our goal is to eliminate blight and preserve property value as well as protect the life, health and safety of those in our community.

Please follow us via our new social media accounts on Instagram and Facebook @NorthMiamiCode for tips on how to remain code compliant and for updates on when we will be in your neighborhood for our monthly "Walk & Talk" initiative. The purpose of this initiative is to educate the community. That means, if we knock at your door, we hope you will welcome our team for a friendly code "talk."



The North Miami Code Compliance Department wants to partner with you. If you see something that you think could be a code violation, please contact us via telephone, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 305-895-9832 or online at www.NorthMiamiFL.gov/MyNoMi.

Friendly Reminders:

- Obtain permits before starting any construction.
- A permit might be required to cut or remove your tree. Check with us first!
- Limit your bulk trash to 8 cubic yards for pickup.



Street Naming Ceremony

Earlier this year, the City of North Miami honored retired City employee Andrea A. McDonald during a Street Naming Ceremony. The ribbon cutting event was held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 30, 2021. North Miami’s Councilman Alix Desulme, Ed.D. sponsored a resolution to designate and name NW 130th Street between NW 10th Avenue and 11th Avenue as “Andrea A McDonald Street.” The new street name aims to recognize Ms. McDonald for her 17-year career at North Miami’s City Hall where she has served as the Executive Assistant to the City Manager. Throughout the years, Mrs. McDonald continues to go above and beyond to help others in North Miami. From hurricane relief to holiday giveaways, Mrs. McDonald understands the importance of being actively involved in her community during times of need.

In her efforts to empower the next generation of leaders, Ms. McDonald has served as the Board liaison for the North



Miami Educational Foundation which was established to ensure educational opportunities for young students. The North Miami Educational Foundation is an organization that has awarded more than \$300,000 dollars to North Miami student.



Beautification is Coming to NW 7th Avenue!

The City’s consultant, Kimley-Horn, has prepared landscape and irrigation plans to update the median landscape design along SR 7. The latest plans were submitted November 9, for the FDOT District landscape architect to review. With his approval, the design can be bid out at the beginning of 2022 for implementation. The new landscape design will replace the existing median plantings - Bahia sod and trees - with new palms under-planted with colorful ground covers and wild flowers.



2022 NOMI GOLDEN SILVER SENIORS PROGRAM IS BACK

Quality recreational, educational and social programs to promote healthy aging while keeping our seniors engaged in the community and vows to continue to provide the services for years to come. Members will gather on a regular basis for services and activities while reflecting on their experiences as it pertains to their diverse needs and interests.

For more information, please contact the Housing and Social Services Department at 305-893-6511 ext. 20000 or SocialServices@northmiamifl.gov.

This Program is free to North Miami senior residents regardless of race, color, nationality, sex, religion, or disability as long as spaces are available.



On November 25th, Councilman Alix Desulme received the 2021 Good Samaritan Award. This prestigious award recognizes the highest achievements in serving others and celebrates individuals who are always there to lend a helping hand, particularly, when there is no recognition or praise for the work. Every year, the Schulz Foundation recognizes leaders who continue to demonstrate loyalty, pastoral services, and dedication to the community. Past recipients of the Good Samaritan Award include Father Reginald Jean Mary and Dr. Marie Etienne.



Still affected by COVID-19? EMERGENCY MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE



Through a CARES Act grant funded by the U.S. Housing & Urban Development (HUD), City of North Miami homeowners who are late in their payment or at-risk of foreclosure may be eligible to receive up to \$8,000, or up to six months of mortgage payments.

This includes late mortgage payments, late fees and PITI (principal, interest, taxes and insurance) to prevent foreclosure.

Deadline: Mortgage Assistance is available until funds are depleted.

Pick up and submit your completed application with copies of required documents in-person:

Housing & Social Services Department
13753 NW 7 Avenue, North Miami, FL 33168
Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Appointments are mandatory.

For more information and to make an appointment, call the Housing and Social Services Department at 305-893-6511, extension 20003 or email us at housing@northmiamifl.gov.

COUNCILMAN ALIX DESULME SALUTES THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF
Congresswoman Carrie P. Meek
APRIL 29, 1926 - NOVEMBER 28, 2021

"We mourn the loss of an American Giant. Congresswoman Carrie P. Meek was a fearless leader who served this community and country well. Our deepest sympathies and respect go out to the family of Congresswoman Meek. May God rest her soul; our state and our nation mourn together!"
Alix Desulme

A LEGACY OF SERVICE

Mayor and Council
PUBLIX GIFT CARD DRIVE-THRU DISTRIBUTIONS

For City of North Miami residents experiencing financial hardship due to COVID-19. LIMITED TO 1 GIFT CARD PER HOUSEHOLD.

Wednesday, December 15, 2021 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
JOE CELESTIN COMMUNITY CENTER, 1525 NW 135 Street, North Miami, Florida 33167

Thursday, December 16, 2021 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
GRIFFING COMMUNITY CENTER, 12220 Griffing Boulevard, North Miami, FL 33161

Friday, December 17, 2021 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
GWEN MARGOLIS COMMUNITY CENTER, 1590 NE 123 Street, North Miami, FL 33181

Requirements

- MUST have experienced financial hardship due to COVID-19.
- MUST be a North Miami resident, no exceptions. To verify your North Miami residency, please enter your address at <https://gisweb.miamidade.gov/communityservices/>.
- MUST show proof of residency by providing a State issued ID containing a North Miami address matching the name and address on the application form.
- Applicants will be considered ineligible if they provide an address outside of North Miami or an invalid form of ID.
- Cards are issued on a first come, first serve basis while supplies last.
- Only one application may be submitted per household.

DRIVE-THRU ONLY • NO WALK-UP SERVICE FORMING VEHICULAR LINES ARE PROHIBITED PRIOR TO 6:00 A.M. NO EXCEPTIONS! DRIVER MUST REMAIN IN THE VEHICLE AT ALL TIME.

For more information, call the Office of the City Manager at 305-893-6511, ext. 12110.

Event Highlights



Mayor's Back to School Bash- On Saturday, August 21st, Mayor Philippe Bien-Aime hosted the Back to School Bash in collaboration with Councilman Alix Desulme, Ed.D., City Clerk Vanessa Joseph, Esq., and the Association of Haitian Educators of Dade (AHED). The event was held at the Joe Celestin Center where students enjoyed a fun line-up of activities including a rock climbing wall, video game truck, and much more. North Miami students also received free book bags filled with school supplies.



Pray for Haiti & Donations- After a devastating earthquake hit Haiti, the City of North Miami hosted a special Candle Light Vigil and Prayer event at MOCA Plaza. Local leaders and members from different religious groups shared powerful prayers to help those who were affected by the tragedy. We also collected donation items at City Hall. These items were sent directly to Haiti in an effort to help families who needed medical supplies and non-perishable food.



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Mactown Check Presentation- Councilman Desulme attended a check presentation ceremony hosted by MACtown, a non-profit organization dedicated to furthering the independence of individuals with autism and developmental disabilities. During the event, Senator Ana Maria Rodriguez and Representative Anthony Rodriguez presented a check for \$300,000 to the organization to help fund their programs.



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NORTH MIAMI, FL 33161

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