Dear District 4 Neighbors, Friends and Residents:

Year 2022 is going by quickly! So much has happened, however, I am getting things done despite delays due to the ongoing pandemic. The Sprinkler Program and new Safer in D4 initiatives are finally underway. One of my signature programs for our youth to gain a summer job while learning about career readiness and civic engagement, the Leaders in Training (LIT) Program, has begun for this year.

The return of NoMi Music Fest 2022 was a huge success! Over 4000 people were in attendance enjoying the food and entertainment. The NoMi Low-Income Utility Billing Assistance Program was established as a 501C3 entity where all funds collected during the festival go to financially assist our residents. Tickets are on sale now for NoMi Music Fest 2023, the biggest party with a purpose in South Florida! To help our residents, please get your tickets now.  
https://nomifest.eventbrite.com

I’m very hopeful for what 2022 has in store for us. As we are trying to get back into the swing of things, do not hesitate to contact me or my office with any questions and concerns you may have. As always, I wish you all a safe and healthy rest of the year!

At your service,

Vice Mayor Alix Desulme, Ed.D. 
City of North Miami
NoMi Fest is back! That’s right! On Saturday, February 26th, we welcomed back our annual charity music event. I created this event in 2017 to help fund our Low-Income Utility Billing Assistance Program to assist residents who cannot pay their utility bills. After several years, this outdoor festival that started as a small, free local event has now grown into a massive festival with thousands of attendees from all over South Florida year after year to see classic R&B and hip hop performances.

We had some incredible performers like Mike Smiff, Melky Jean, Chubb Rock, Regina Belle, Next, Montell Jordan, and last but not least, our headliner Musiq Soulchild graced the NoMi Fest stage and fired up the crowd!
NoMi Evening of Honors

This past February I had the honor of hosting this year’s 7th Annual NoMi Evening of Honors sponsored by the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA). We honored nine influential South Florida community activists, business leaders, athletes, entertainers, authors, and many more at this annual dinner celebration. Thank you to this year’s honorees, Jerome Baker, Rodney Baltimore, Lynda Harris, Dr. Myra Taylor, Rodney Jacobs Jr., Lovette McGill, Dewey Knight III, Rev. Gaston Smith and Rayford Shipman! And thank you to our wonderful mistress of ceremonies, Ms. Shelby Rushin from Hot 105 Radio.
To wrap up Black History Month, I hosted a Street Naming ceremony for Former District 4 Councilman Arthur H. “Duke” Sorey Jr. This ribbon cutting event took place at 11:00 a.m. on Monday February 28th, 2022. I funded the naming of NW 128th Street between NW 10th Avenue and NW 11th Avenue to now formally be titled “Arthur H. Duke Sorey Jr. Street”. This ceremony was held to recognize how the Honorable Mr. Sorey, North Miami’s First Black Elected Official, has devoted time and work into improving the quality of North Miami, pushing boundaries for Black Elected Officials and fighting for opportunities and resources for residents. After the ceremony, we rededicated a new and improved plaque in recognition of the Honorable Mr. Sorey at Thomas Sasso Pool to thank him for his instrumental involvement in the building of the Tot Lot at the pool.
I proudly stood with Congresswoman Frederica Wilson along with other elected officials at Congresswoman’s press conference regarding the lifting of Title 42. Title 42 is a policy enacted during the Trump Administration that banned asylum seekers from entering United States borders. This policy was claimed to be a COVID-19 protocol but was actually used to discriminate against refugees who desperately needed help. The Biden administration is finally set to repeal this cruel policy in May.

Congresswoman Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick was elected to U.S. House of Representatives, representing District 20, in November 2021 and was inaugurated in January 2022. Congresswoman Cherfilus-McCormick is the first Haitian American Democrat elected to congressional office. She is the wife of Mr. Corlie McCormick and the mother of two children. Congresswoman Cherfilus-McCormick earned her Juris Doctorate from Saint Thomas University in Miami, Florida. Congresswoman proudly serves on the Congressional Black Caucus, the Haitian Caucus, and the Caribbean Caucus. Congresswoman proudly and honorably serves on the House committee on education and labor as well as the committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
The Driveway Approach Program is back by popular demand! In February 2018, I launched the District 4 Pilot Program to repair driveway approaches throughout District 4. This year, with funds from the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), we are able to relaunch the program. On a first come first served basis, residents who wish to apply will be asked to pay $100 toward the cost of labor and service of the driveway approach repair.

To apply for this service please provide your full name, address, and phone number to Constituent Service Aide Danielle Cox via dcox@northmiamifl.gov or 786-385-2061.
After a year of delay due to the global pandemic, the Leaders In Training (LIT) Program has returned for the 2021-2022 school year and I had the pleasure of speaking to the Leaders in Training during their first in-person meeting. The LIT Program engages North Miami residents in grades 9-12 in higher education preparation to develop our city's next generation of public servants through civic education, career readiness and enhanced understanding of local government processes.

The program also serves as a preparatory tool for students to transition into the city's signature Youth Opportunity Board (YOB) Paid Summer Internship Program. The 12-week LIT program will take place from February 26, 2022 to May 14, 2022. This year, it is a hybrid setting with a mixture of in person and virtual meetings. For more information, call the Housing & Social Services Department at 305-893-6511, ext. 20003.

Michael Dezer Way
Street Naming Ceremony

I attended a street naming ceremony hosted by my friend & Colleague, Councilman Scott Galvin, who sponsored the Street Naming to honor one of this nation's prominent businessmen Michael Dezer. NE 144 Street between NE 18 Ave. and 19 Ave. near Dezerland Park will now be known as “Michael Dezer Way”. Mr. Dezer is an Israeli-American real estate developer and car collector; he is the founder of Dezer Properties and is known for his New York and Florida investments. Michael is the owner of Dezerland, located in our city, a 250,000 sq. ft. indoor entertainment and attractions complex. Dezerland features Virtual Reality Park, Miami Arcade with 200 plus games, Karting, Rock Climbing, Mini Racers, Bumper Cars, Mini Ninja, and Ropes Course.
Everything starts in Parks and Recreation. Even myself! My first job while attending North Miami Senior High School was in the city's Youth Opportunity Board (YOB) working in the Parks and Recreation Department. I was a park attendant at many of our city parks but mainly at Pepper Park. Later, I continued in the Parks Department by becoming a summer camp counselor.

The Parks and Recreation Department works to preserve the beauty of our local parks and provide the city with space and resources for recreational programs and activities like exercise, play and fun events that improve our residents' quality of life. The Parks and Recreation department works closely with community centers, environmental preserves, and tot lots that provide residents of all ages with these resources at over a dozen different locations around the City of North Miami. For more information, you can contact Parks and Recreation at 305-895-9840.
Are you interested in public trust? Do you want to deter police misconduct?

The City of North Miami Citizens Investigative Board (CIB) was established by City Ordinance on July 14, 2020. The purpose of the board is to ensure that public safety is the top priority for the City Administration to attract growth, encourage economic development and maintain a high quality of life for all citizens and residents. Applications are now open to join the Citizen Investigation Board (CIB). Apply today by visiting NorthMiamiFL.gov/232.

The NoMi Food Pantry is still in action! The NoMi Food Pantry provides fruits and vegetables, protein, dairy and shelf-stable items to registered North Miami residents. Proof of North Miami residency is required. Only one registration per household is allowed. To register for assistance through the NoMi Food Pantry, please call 305-953-3053.

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**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.
Event Highlights

The Ladies of Valor Empowerment Women’s History Month Event- Women Who Dare- I had the honor of attending a Women History Month celebration that included a panel of distinguished female speakers at Miami Dade College Wolfson Campus.

NoMi Food Pantry Curbside Pickup- I stopped by the Food Pantry at Sunkist Grove Community Center to help distribute shelf stable food items to registered North Miami residents.

D4 Information Meeting- On Wednesday March 9th, D4 residents came to voice their concerns and questions at the Joe Celestin Center for an informational meeting.

Brownsville Check Presentation- On February 11th, I attended a historic check presentation provided by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act for Miami-Dade County and Florida’s 24th Congressional District. Congresswoman Fredericka Wilson presented a check worth over 18 billion dollars towards improving our public transit systems.