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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ionathan Meltz, President, Greater Miami Shores Chamber of Commerce

Green Never Looked So Good!

Who knew going back seven years ago that an event to showcase improvements to NE 2nd Avenue in Miami Shores could grow into our community's best attended and most popular event? Back then, Chamber President Jim McCoy led a volunteer committee that put on a successful street fair. I remember walking down the avenue with my family and looking at the skyscrapers in downtown Miami, and thinking, "how cool is this?" No cars, no worries, just my family, lots of neighbors, and many dogs.

Then Elaiza Irizarry and the Miami Theater Center did a couple of smaller but very fun street fairs, and community leaders said, "let's institutionalize this and make it an annual event. With advice from former Taste of the Shores chiefs Michael Finkelstein and Charlie Kluck, and then volunteer leadership from Susan Ackley, David Hunter, Kim Krause, and now David Traupman and Freddie Kaufmann, Green Day was born and now blooms. Last year we had a record 145 vendors and 6,000 attendees. This year will be even bigger. The recent "Best of the Shores" voting revealed it to be the community's favorite event.

I hope that you and your family will join us this year as the Chamber of Commerce puts on the fifth version of Green Day, and we'll get a chance to stroll down 2nd Avenue together, with a beer, an empanada, and shared community pride!



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COMMUNITY NEWS

Barry University's Mens basketball team has partnered with the Miami Shores Skyhawks travel basketball club to put on the "Show Your Skillz 3-on-3 Charity Basketball Tournament". It will be held on Saturday, October 8, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Health and Sports Center at Barry University. Adult Competitive, Just for Fun, Kids Senior (13-18) and Junior (12 and under) divisions are all being accepted. To find out more about participation costs and registration please visit www.miamishoresskyhawks.com.

The Miami Art League is proud to recognize prize-winning artist and long-time Miami Art League Member, Ruth Karp. Her solo show, "MY WAY" will feature works of art representing Ruth's lengthy artistic career. The Miami Shores Art Studio and Models have been a starting point for many of her creations. Ruth's paintings are vivid and colorful and have earned her "Best in Show" from the American Artists Professional League, the Miami Watercolor Society, and the Florida Professional Artists Guild. She is the recipient of over 100 additional awards from groups such as the Florida Watercolor Society, Gold Coast Watercolor Society, and the Miami Art League.

Many of Ruth's works are in collections around the world. To learn more about Ruth Karp and her artwork, please visit her website at www.RuthKarp.com. The Opening Reception is on Sunday, October 23rd from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m at the Miami Art League, 9709 NE 2nd Avenue. For more information, call 305-757-3161,

follow them on FB @MiamiArtLeague, or visit their website, www.MiamiArtLeague. com. The reception is free and open to the public.

The Heidi Hewes Chapter of the **Woman's Cancer Association of the** University of Miami, based in Miami Shores, is dedicated to increasing wellness in the community through raising funds for cancer research, support, education, and service. Heidi Hewes will be meeting Wednesday, October 5th at 7 p.m. For more information, please email heidiheweswca@gmail.com.

Join Heidi Hewes and the Miami Country Day School students for the Annual "Walk the Walk" 5K for cancer research on Saturday, October 15th! All proceeds benefit the Heidi Hewes Chapter of the Woman's Cancer Association. Come support these dedicated students and help them reach their goal in the fight against cancer. Register online now at MCDSwalk2016.bpt.me For more information, contact Marilyn Greenfield at greenfieldm@miamicountryday.org

Heidi Hewes is collecting donations for the Bargain Box, its resale thrift shop that benefits the Woman's Cancer Association of the University of Miami. Located at 1350 West Flagler, the Bargain Box is open Monday - Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tax-deductible donations are accepted gently worn clothing, home furnishings, linens, glassware, accessories, art work, luggage, jewelry, etc. Please call Jackie Butler at 305-633-8068, ext. 107 or Bill Tenney at 305-308-4639 for questions and free pick up. The Miami Shores Woman's Club meets the second Tuesday of the month, and will have its October meeting Tuesday, October 11 at 11:00 a.m. at the Miami Shores Country Club. Come help them celebrate fall and come decked out in your best Halloween costumes. They will have a scary party and prizes will be awarded for the best creations. Luncheon tickets for the three-course meal are \$24 and reservations must be made by Friday, October 7 with Helen Mendel at 305-751-6885.

Their President Pat Cocchi is now in her 11th term. The Club was chartered in 1949. And its object is to create, maintain and organize a center of thought and activity among the women of the club; aid in the promotion of their mutual interests, and promote a spirit of friendliness in the Community. All monies raised through their fund raising events are given to charities and local programs in our community. The Club is non-partisan and invites interested women of the community to attend a meeting, participate in their activities and become a member.





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IT TAKES A VILLAGE

Raquel V. Reyes, Senior Columnist

GOING MAD WITH MAD CAT THEATRE





Mad Cat Theatre is the resident company of MTC, Miami Theater Company. Jessica Farr, Mad Cat's marketing director, and Paul Tei, founder, are my guests this month. Singular titles do not do this duo justice as they wear many hats playwright, actor, director, promoter, and the list could go on. Mad Cat came to MTC's The Sandbox in 2013. Since then. they have collected accolades for their edgy and quality productions.

Let's get this question out of the way first. Why Mad Cat and is your logo an avatar for Paul?

JF: The logo is Paul's spirit animal as far as I'm concerned. It used to have an eyebrow ring like Paul had, so I'm assuming that wasn't just a coincidence. We are all pretty mad here. But in the best way!

PT: Mad Cat...I wanted something that had more than one meaning like Cheap Trick or The Sex Pistols. I wanted a name that didn't sound like most other theatre companies. Which quite frankly, always sound a little stiff or like something that smells bad. Avatar? I don't know if he's my avatar. We needed a logo. We had ideas like Top Cat or Felix the Cat then a friend drew our Mad Cat. We've been letting it lead the way ever since.

You don't steer away from touchy subject matter—climate change, communism, and Nixon. This season's plays have a very political bent to them. Can you tell us a little bit about Why Not? With Richard Nixon, your current show?

JF: Several of us, worked on a play called Gerald Ford Superfreak! for Comedy Central's South Beach Comedy Festival. It followed Ford in a crisis right before his decision to pardon Nixon. The Nixon character was so popular in that show we decided to write a spin off for him.

PT: Nixon is a polarizing individual. Most people in their life will come to some conclusion of what they think Nixon is all about. I wanted Mad Cat to mess with people's opinions of the guy. I want to challenge the notion that you already know everything there is to know about a person or a subject. Why Not?

JF: In the play, Nixon, the ousted president tries to run a public access late night television show out of his house on Key Biscayne. With the help of his best friend, Bebe Rebozo, and his daughter, Tricia, the trio put on a colorful variety show. Guests on the show include Hillary Clinton and Marco Rubio. Nixon challenges his guests mercilessly on their behavior in the current presidential

election. The characters exist outside of space and time because—Why Not? We wanted to deal with this insane presidential election in an absurd fashion, just as it is playing out in real life. It's a fun show.

How has your humorous yet provoking material been received by Miami Shores residents? Are they the majority of your audience?

JF: Our Miami Shores audience has been very receptive! This season has been especially welcoming. We've thrown a variety of options at them- from the Pulitzer Prize winning play The Flick, to an evening of Samuel Beckett's short plays, to a night of comedy, to a dark new play reading, to a theatrical reimagining of an album live in concert. It's been a fun year exploring and the audience has been right there with us. That's trust. We love this location!

PT: I think Miami Shores is a bright and active community that represents a lot of what is great about Miami, diversity in taste being at the top of the great things.

Your productions are usually in the evenings, 8 pm to 10 pm. What changes to downtown Miami Shores' nightlife would you like to see?

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GREATER MIAMI SHORES SCHOOLS REPORT

The Greater Miami Shores Chamber of Commerce welcomes submissions for this column by all schools that are members of the Chamber, whether public or private. To find out about submitting information on behalf of your favorite school, please contact Jesse Walters at the Chamber at 305-754-5466.

The Miami Shores Elementary PTA

will host its annual Family Fun Fest on Saturday, November 19th from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on its' campus. The event is open to the entire community. Join the MSES PTA for a Fun Walk/Run for both children and adults, games, inflatables, music, and refreshments. Tickets will be on sale at the MSES PTA booth at Green Day. For more details on this wonderful, family-friendly event please visit the MSES PTA website: www.mses.my-pta.org, and like Miami Shores Elementary PTA on Facebook. The MSES PTA looks forward to your participation.

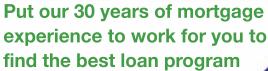
Miami Shores Presbyterian Church School (MSPCS) celebrated Grandparent's Day with special student composed and performed songs, joint activities and refreshments. The students loved having their grandparents join them at school, and they were so proud to share the gifts they created.

MSPCS is proud to host the October Miami Shores Community Alliance breakfast on October 5th.



The Annual MSPCS Pumpkin Patch will begin on October 8th and run through Halloween. A community tradition, this is the school's biggest fundraiser. Each year people come from all over Miami to pick out their perfect pumpkins from the patch on the corner of 96th St. and 6th Avenue.

The following month MSPCS will host their Second Annual Arts Festival, ART CRAFT LOVE on November 12th. This free community event was inspired and organized by the MSPCS Parent Association to bring arts to Miami Shores, provide a venue for local artisans and vendors, and create a lasting tradition for our community. Under the covered courtyard, kids and adults can enjoy fun activities in the Kids' Zone, shop the artisans, craft booths, and food trucks, and listen to live music. For more information, please visit www.mspcs.net/artfest or contact Liangy Calli at lcalli@mspcs.net.



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FEATURED FALL SHOWS AT MIAMI THEATER CENTER





Everybody Drinks the Same Water, by Stephanie Ansin & Fernando Calzadilla, returns to MTC's main stage October 26-November 20. In this medieval murder mystery, three teenagers of different religions set out on a journey to discover who poisoned their city's water supply – and create unity amongst their warring cultures. Maria Corina Ramirez's one-woman show, Supa' Nova, is featured on MTC's Sandbox Theater from November 4-19. For tickets & information call 305-751-9550.







LOCAL ELECTIONS SHARE THE SPOTLIGHT ON NOVEMBER 8

BISCAYNE PARK, EL PORTAL, AND NORTH BAY VILLAGE ELECTING NEW LEADERS

Just when you thought that the only thing you needed to decide before November 8th was which Presidential candidate to vote for, along comes municipal elections in the three of the four communities the Chamber serves!

Biscayne Park will elect three commissioners. Six candidates have filed to run. They are incumbent Commissioner Fred Jonas, and challengers Jenny Johnson-Sardella, Michael Rawson, Dan Samaria, Tracy Truppman, and William Tudor. All candidates run at-large. The two candidates receiving the highest vote totals will get a four-year term, the third place finisher wins a two-year term. When the commission re-organizes on December 6 they will select a mayor and vice mayor. Incumbents Barbara Watts and Robert Anderson have chosen not to run again. Mayor David Coviello and Vice Mayor Roxanna Ross have two more years remaining as commission members.



El Portal will only have to choose one councilperson, after the Mayor and three incumbents drew no challengers by the qualification deadline. All five members of their council including the mayor serve two year terms. Mayor Claudia Cubillos, and councilmen Omarr Nickerson and Harold Mathies, along with newcomer Werner Dreher, who will take the seat currently held

by Councilwoman Roxanne Isaacs, who chose not to seek re-election, have been re-elected and elected without opposition. Voters will choose between incumbent Aubrey Brunson and challenger Vimari Roman on November 8 for the Seat 2 spot.

North Bay Village will also vote on
November 8. Vice Mayor and At-Large
Commissioner Jorge Gonzalez is challenging
Mayor Connie Leon-Kreps for the Mayor's
position. The winner gets a two-year
term. North Bay Island residents will
choose between incumbent Dr. Richard
Chervony and Jose R. Alvarez. And Treasure
Island voters will select either incumbent
Andreana Jackson or Dr. Joshua Furman.
In both cases the winner gets a four-year
term on the Commission. The Harbor
Island Commissioner and the At-Large
Commissioner are not up for re-election
at this time.

Miami Shores selects its Council in April 2017.





El Portal

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Political advertisement paid for and approved by Vimari Roman, candidate for Council Seat #2 - Village of El Portal

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sidewalks, etc)

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JF: Seeing an influx of restaurants and bars would be great. Things quiet down and it's hard for patrons to find a place to sit and eat and talk or just grab a quick drink. I don't think disrupting the neighborhood would be the goal, just a little bit more activity. Options for our audience would be great. Most of our shows end before 10:00 pm and everything is closed.

PT: I believe once The Shores has a few restaurants people will be looking to combine that with a bit of entertainment. Mad Cat wants to be a part of that experience. We want to slip into the subconscious of Miami Shores patrons. We want people to go—'Wait, I saw that at Mad Cat!'

If you could educate the public about one misconception of live theater, what would it be?

JF: I'd like to address the absurd notion that theater isn't for everyone. It should be and can be!

We really aim for that at Mad Cat. The art form is by no means dead, it just needs active participation. We like to find new modes of live storytelling, especially in the digital age where we have lost some of that human bond. Let's undo some of our day to day programming and experience live performance in a room together, shall we? Maybe afterwards it will spark a conversation. And we can have a laugh or several while we're at it.

PT: Mad Cat is not like most theatres. So, if you have a negative stigma attached to the word Theatre then think of it like I do when someone says cucumber to me. Not all cucumber is bad just because I ate it once and didn't like it.

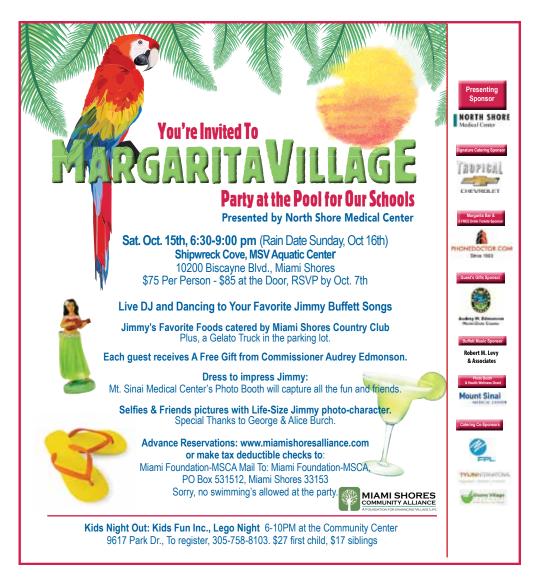
Yea, sometimes a cucumber can be a pickle. PT: Exactly.

Thank you, both. This has been fun.

JF: I agree. Thanks for the opportunity. PT: Meow.

Do you know an area resident that needs to be recognized for their community contributions? Have a column idea? Please email rreyes@miamishores.com.

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This cat is named "Olivia" and she lives with her family at 9826 North Miami Avenue in Miami Shores. Her family sent this story:



🤧 PAWS, CLAWS & JAWS!

One evening, last July (2015) we were raddled by the loudest meowing my husband and I have ever heard. After checking a bit, we discovered it was coming from a little kitten under my car in the driveway. Our lives were about to change. Must preface by saying that we never had pets or children and had no intention of getting any of either!!! After finding the kitten we fed her some ham in the alley, far from our house, and came back happy with the assumption she would go back to wherever she came from.

But that's not exactly what happened. Instead of finding her way home, Olivia managed to find and crawl under our house, then proceeded to meow so loud and for so long, we could not possibly ignore her. It was cat in stereo all over the house, since she

would follow our footsteps where ever we moved. The fun part was that we could not even figure out where she was and by 3:00 am she still had energy to keep us from any hope of sleeping.

We decided that, soon as we found her, we would find her a home; preferably one VERY far from us. Fast forward passed scratches, many, many (expensive) vet visits, a house full of fleas and exhausting every possible option for finding her a home...today she is not only living happily and loved in our home, but my otherwise impeccable house is now a den of toys, cat trees and all sort of paraphernalia, to insure she gets as much joy as we give her. Would not have it any other way! Please encourage people to adopt a stray! It's so rewarding!!

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Each month, we feature a question or a photograph here from our Archives. The randomly drawn winner receives a \$25 gift certificate to an area Chamber member restaurant or retail establishment. The winner is drawn on the 15th of the month.

Last month, we ran a few old photos of a parade in then Dade County held in the era of model T-Fords. Behind the marching bands and color guards were billboards touting Miami Shores homes for sale. Many thanks to Yolanda Zelinski of Austin, TX who provided them from the collection of her father, former Miami Shores resident Raymond Sprague.

For October, we feature this stunning photograph of the long gone Biscayne Kennel Club, courtesy of HistoryMiami and Barry University. What now occupies this general area?

Think you know the answer? E-mail us at jessewalters@miamishores.com or call the offices at 305-754-5466. Please be sure to tell us your name and phone number in case you are the winner!



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Quote of the Month:

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Dr. Seuss

To Wit:

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Unfortunately for them, the elevator was not working. They made a plan for the first 200 stories, Tom will crack jokes.

The second 200 stories Dick will tell a happy story and lastly Harry will tell a sad story. They then started up the steps.

After 2 hours it was Harry's turn. He turned to the other two and said "Ok guys, here's my sad story. I forgot the keys downstairs.

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