



## City of North Miami FEBRUARY-MARCH 2017 EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

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### FEBRUARY

#### MEET THE AUTHOR

**Wednesday, February 15, 2017, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

**North Miami Public Library, 835 NE 132nd Street**

A monthly literary series featuring Caribbean Authors. This month, we welcome **Mireille Sylvain-David**, poet, novelist, and author of ***Beyond the Rubble***. For more information, call the North Miami Public Library at 305-891-5535. [Flyer](#)

#### BLACK HISTORY MONTH ART & ESSAY CONTEST

**Application Deadline: Friday, February 17, 2017, at 5:00 p.m.**

**Celebration: Thursday, February 23, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.**

**North Miami Public Library, 835 NE 132nd Street**

The theme of this year's contest will be *Heroes in Our Communities*. Students will write about someone they would consider a "LOCAL HERO." This person can be a community leader, a family member, or a friend. The essay contest is sponsored by the Oscar Thomas Foundation and the Friends of the North Miami Public Library. For more information, contact the Library at 305-891-5535. Details at [www.northmiamifl.gov/celebrate/](http://www.northmiamifl.gov/celebrate/)

#### WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

**Thursday, February 16, 2017, 6:30 p.m.**

**Gwen Margolis Community Center, 1590 NE 123<sup>rd</sup> Street**

Learn about Funding Opportunities for Workforce Trainers. **WHO SHOULD ATTEND?**

Representatives from vocational schools, workforce training organizations, and other educational institutions that provide industry training programs. For more information, please review guidelines [here](#). [Flyer](#)

**NORTH MIAMI'S ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES ARE CLOSED ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20<sup>TH</sup> IN OBSERVANCE OF PRESIDENTS' DAY.**

#### 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL MUSIC IN THE PLAZA

**Saturday, February 25, 2017, 5:00 p.m.**

**MOCA Plaza, 770 NE 125 Street**

It's time to celebrate Black History Month in North Miami, and we need you to put on your dancing shoes on Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, from 5-10 p.m. for the signature event, Music in the Plaza, featuring **Doug E. Fresh, CASE, Deniece Williams, Chubb Rock**, and many more, in the MOCA Plaza located at 770 NE 125 Street in Downtown North Miami. Details at [www.northmiamifl.gov/celebrate/](http://www.northmiamifl.gov/celebrate/)

## MARCH

### CHINATOWN CONCEPTUAL DESIGN MASTERPLAN COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

**Wednesday, March 1, 2017, 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.**

**Joe Celestin Center, 1525 NW 135 Street**

North Miami residents, business owners, civic leaders, property owners, developers, realtors, commercial brokers, and individuals interested in the Conceptual Design Masterplan for the designated NW 7th Avenue Chinatown Cultural Arts and Innovation District are encouraged to attend this public forum. [Flyer](#)

### WORKFORCE TRAINING ACADEMY

**Every Thursday beginning March 2, 2017**

**North Miami Public Library, 835 NE 132 Street**

**Register Online: [www.nmworkforcetraining.eventbrite.com](http://www.nmworkforcetraining.eventbrite.com)**

A six-week Workforce Training Academy for all interested North Miami residents who would like to improve their professional skills and gain access to career resources. The course will cover resume writing, interview techniques, access to potential employers from major industries, personalized career development, and more. For more information call Sam Blatt, Economic Development Manager, at 305-895-9825, Ext. 12164. [Flyer](#)

### ART IN PUBLIC PLACES UNVEILING CEREMONY

**Saturday, March 4, 2017, 11:00 a.m.**

**Enchanted Forest Elaine Gordon Park, 1725 NE 135 Street**

Please join City officials and special guests at the dedication of Miami-Dade County's first public installation celebrating the rich legacy of LGBTQ accomplishments. For more information, call the Office of the Mayor and Council at 305-895-9815. [Flyer](#)

### JEAN-CLAUDE LEGAGNEUR FACES OF FREEDOM

**Exhibition on Display, Tuesday, February 7 – Sunday, March 5**

**Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA) North Miami – 770 NE 125 Street**

In Faces of Freedom, Legagneur presents one of his most recent creations, revealing a new stage of his art. This new approach produces oversized portraits that masterfully capture human expression. Legagneur presents through his paintings the intense movement of non-linguistic gestures of other humans. The artist builds his body of work on the honored examples of representational art as found in the established manifestations of Caribbean and Black art, and the cross walking components of Western and peripheral cultures.

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## ONGOING PROGRAMS

### North Miami Educational Foundation, Inc. (NMEFI)

**Scholarship Opportunities for Students, Deadline April 3, 2017**

NMEFI awards scholarships to applicants who are North Miami residents and are economically disadvantaged high school graduates. The scholarships are only awarded to the best applicants fitting the required criteria. Applicants must demonstrate financial need after completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The Scholarship may cover tuition and fees and educational expenses, up to the cost of attendance at a college or university. Applicants are required to state if they are seeking and/or have been granted awards from other organizations. [Application](#)

## **AARP TAX AIDE PROGRAM**

**February 4 – April 14, 2017; Every Thursday, 11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

**North Miami Public Library, 835 NE 132 Street**

Free tax preparation and filing assistance is offered to tax payers with low to moderate income, with special attention to those ages 60 and older. Assistance is first come, first serve. For details on the AARP Tax Aide program, visit [aarp.org/taxaide](http://aarp.org/taxaide). For more details on this site, call 305-891-5535.

The following documents are required:

- Copy of last year's income tax return(s)
- W-2 forms from each employer
- Unemployment compensation statements
- SSA-1099 form if you were paid Social Security benefits
- All 1099 forms (1099-INT, 1099-DIV, 1099-B, etc.)
  - showing interest and/ or dividends and documentation
  - showing original purchase price of sold assets
- 1099-MISC showing any miscellaneous income
- 1099-R form if you received a pension or annuity
- All forms indicating federal income tax paid
- Dependent care provider information  
(name, employer ID, Social Security number)
- All receipts or canceled checks if itemizing deductions
- Social Security cards or other official documentation  
for yourself and all dependents
- 1095-A Form, Affordable Care Act
- Your Special "Pin" Letter

## **AFTERSCHOOL CARE AND TUTORING PROGRAM**

**Monday- Friday, 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

**Program begins Monday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> and runs throughout school year**

**Sunkist Grove Community Center, 12500 NW 13 Avenue**

**Griffing Community Center, 12220 Griffing Blvd.**

Come sign your child up for a weekly afterschool care and tutoring program with a focus on enrichment activities, such as, chess, health and fitness, swimming, and nature exploration. Fun days available on Teacher Planning Days for a minimal fee. Birth Certificate required for first time registrants. Residents: \$20 per week, Non- Residents: \$25 per week. Transportation available from school to park site for additional \$5 per week. Register at North Miami Parks and Recreation Office, 12300 NE 8 Avenue. SPACE IS LIMITED! For more information, please call 305-895-9840. [Flyer](#)

## **STORYTIME @ The Library**

**Every Wednesday, 4:30 p.m., ages 4 - 7**

**North Miami Public Library, 835 NE 132 Street**

Join us every Wednesday for exciting stories of fantasy and adventure for children and families.

## **SOLE MIA MIAMI**

The SoLē Mia Local Preference Office is offering scholarships for North Miami residents interested in completing vocational programs in areas, including HVAC, electrical, carpentry, and more. The Local Preference Office is seeking eligible candidates to join the scholarship programs. Registration for spring courses are now open. For more information, contact the Local Preference Office by calling **786-801-1366**, or visiting the office located at **12540 N.E. 8th Avenue** in North Miami between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

## **WASTE PRO'S CUSTOMER SERVICE TOOL**

Have you used TRAC EZ yet? It's simple and easy to use! TRAC EZ is an online web-based system that gives North Miami residents the tools to communicate fast and efficiently with Waste Pro. If you have questions regarding your services with Waste Pro, contact customer service at 305-651-7011 or visit [www.northmiamifl.gov/sanitation](http://www.northmiamifl.gov/sanitation).

For Garbage Collection Requests - Click [here](#)

For Garbage Collection Complaints - Click [here](#)

For Garbage Collection Compliments - Click [here](#)

## **EARN REWARDS FOR RECYCLING AT HOME**

North Miami residents can once again earn rewards for recycling at home. Through our partnership with RecycleBank, each household earns points based on the amount of their recycling in the community.

In order to earn points, you must first register or re-activate your RecycleBank account.

- Register by phone at 1-888-727-2978
- Register online at [www.RecycleBank.com](http://www.RecycleBank.com)
- Download the Mobile App (For iPhone and Android)

By participating in the RecycleBank rewards program, you can earn hundreds of dollars in reward value each year just by recycling as much as possible. Rewards include discounts at local supermarkets, coupons for household items, and discounts for local entertainment and attractions. The RecycleBank program is operated at no additional cost to the City; it is simply the rewards component of our curbside recycling service.

## **MEDITATION & YOGA CLASSES**

**Every Thursday from 6:15 -7:45 p.m.**

**North Miami Public Library, 835 NE 132 Street**

Learn simple ways to reduce stress, renew energy, and improve health. Don't forget to bring your mat. No registration required. For more information, call the North Miami Public Library at 305-891-5535. [www.NorthMiamiFL.gov/NoMiLibrary](http://www.NorthMiamiFL.gov/NoMiLibrary)

## Mini-FLOW LICENSING UNIT FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES

First Wednesday of every Month

9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

### North Miami Public Library, 835 NE 132 Street

Anyone wishing to renew or replace their driver licenses, make a change of address, renew their Florida state tag registration, etc., as well as, get a state of Florida Identification Card can come with proper documentation to the North Miami Public Library on the first Wednesday of every month and be served. Please visit [www.gathergoget.com](http://www.gathergoget.com) to learn about the license and ID requirements. The Department accepts the following methods of payment: Cash, Check & Credit Cards. For more information please call the [North Miami Public Library](#) at 305-891-5535.

## HOOPLA

The *North Miami Public Library* joined **hoopla digital** in partnership with more than 786 public library systems across North America. With a single free app, North Miami library cardholders can enjoy 24 hour, 7 day access to 300,000 videos, music albums, audiobooks, and popular eBooks and comics. To begin enjoying **hoopla digital**, library-card holders can register online or download the free **hoopla digital** mobile app by visiting [hoopladigital.com](http://hoopladigital.com). This service is only available to patrons with valid library card accounts. For more information, contact the **North Miami Public Library** via email: [library@northmiamifl.gov](mailto:library@northmiamifl.gov) or phone: 305-891-5535.

## BEHIND ON YOUR MORTGAGE? FLORIDA'S HARDEST HIT FUND CAN HELP

The federal government has allocated funding to help pay the mortgages of qualified homeowners who are unemployed or underemployed through no fault of their own. The Florida Hardest-Hit Fund (HHF) program aims to assist qualified Florida homeowners by providing mortgage assistance for up to 12 months (capped at \$24,000), or until the homeowner finds adequate employment to resume paying the mortgage (whichever comes first), with up to \$18,000 available to reinstate a delinquent first mortgage prior to payments being made. Additionally, for a homeowner who is recovering from unemployment/underemployment, up to \$25,000 is available as a one-time payment to reinstate a delinquent first mortgage. HHF assistance is paid directly to the loan servicer/lender for those homeowners deemed eligible to participate in the program.

To find out if you qualify for assistance, please visit the HHF official website at [www.FLHardestHitHelp.org](http://www.FLHardestHitHelp.org) to review eligibility criteria and to apply; please use Referral Code **19080** when completing your application. For further questions, contact the Hardest-Hit Toll-Free Information line at 1(877) 863-5244, Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**The City of North Miami** is an approved HHF Advisor Agency. After reviewing HHF program benefits/guidelines and eligibility criteria on the official HHF website, you may contact us for a pre-screening at **305-895-9828**, **Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.** or [HardestHitProgram@northmiamifl.gov](mailto:HardestHitProgram@northmiamifl.gov).

## ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY PROGRAM

Are you or your organization interested in adopting a highway? If so, volunteers may enter into a two-year agreement with Department of Transportation, during which they agree to conduct trash removal at regularly scheduled intervals. In order to take part in the Adopt-A-Highway Program, contact Miami-Dade County District 6 FDOT office at 305-470-5349 or click [here](#) for more information.



## **WATER CONSERVATION INCENTIVES PROGRAM**

The city of North Miami is implementing a New Restaurant Spray Valve and Shower Head Exchange program for residents and business owners to help conserve more water in the City. North Miami Residents can bring in their old shower-head and we will give them a brand new, easy to install shower-head fixture. In addition, we are providing low-flow restaurant pre-rinse valves to local restaurants and cafeterias in exchange for their old water spray valves to reduce their water consumption. For more information please contact the Utility Billing Division at 305.895.9880 or click [here](#).

### **Fixtures can be exchanged at the following location:**

North Miami City Hall - Utility Billing Office  
776 NE 125 Street - First floor  
Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

## **BANK OF AMERICA: MUSEUMS ON US – Free admission to MOCA on the first weekend of every month**

Bank of America and Merrill Lynch cardholders receive free admission to MOCA and over 150 cultural organizations nationwide the first weekend of every month. For a full list of participating organizations, visit [www.museums.bankofamerica.com](http://www.museums.bankofamerica.com). Also, remember that North Miami residents are automatically members of MOCA, so stop by the museum to activate your membership.

**NORTH MIAMI'S FALSE ALARM REDUCTION PROGRAM** North Miami's False Alarm Reduction Program aims to reduce police responses to false alarms. In recent years, false alarms account for approximately 98% of all alarm calls. Such false alarms divert law enforcement resources from crimes in progress, other emergency situations and time spent patrolling assigned areas. North Miami residents and businesses are required to register their alarm systems annually. **The cost to register an alarm is \$25 per year.** Excessive repeated false alarms (six or more in a year) may result in suspension of response, which means North Miami Police will no longer respond to alarm calls at that location. Proof will then have to be provided to the police that the alarm has been fixed and was tested. For more information about the false alarm program or to register your alarm system, please call the North Miami Police Department Alarm Administrator at (305) 891-0294 ext. 23134 or visit [www.northmiamifl.gov](http://www.northmiamifl.gov) or <https://www.crywolf.us/northmiamifl/>.

## **OFFENDER/PREDATOR NOTIFICATIONS**

Sexual Offender/Predator Community Notifications are available on the North Miami Police Department's website. Visit [northmiamipolice.com](http://northmiamipolice.com) and click on the **Sexual Offender/Predator** icon on the homepage to access a list of registered offenders in the North Miami area and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's Sex Offender and Predator database.