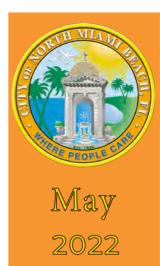
City Manager's Monthly Monthly Report





A digital publication highlighting the City of North Miami Beach's latest news, events, and projects.

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Commissioner

Arthur H. Sorey, III City Manager's Message

Dear Mayor & City Commissioners,

During the month of May, we enjoyed a diverse celebration of cultures at our City including Israel's Independence, Yom Ha'azmaut, Haitian Heritage Month, and Asian American, Pacific Islander Month. Through a variety of City events and NMB Library programming, we were able to help bring the community together to learn about the significance of these unique cultures, traditions, and celebrations.

In terms of Capital Improvement Projects, we are currently working on incorporating the valuable feedback we received during the Washington Park Community Meeting held on May 9th. During this open forum, I was able to present the site plans for the redevelopment of Washington Park and I discussed the proposed changes with residents who shared their feedback and ideas with our staff. Our goal is to ensure that the needs of our residents are met during this pre-planning process.

Back at the City of North Miami Beach, we continue to show gratitude and appreciation to our employees and staff. On May 26th, the City Manager's Office hosted the Public Works Appreciation BBQ at Oleta River State Park. This event was a great way to build camaraderie and employee morale while making sure we take the time to thank our Public Works team in a casual setting. It's an opportunity for us to connect with employees but also provide them with a fun event outside of their regular work schedules.

We have officially transitioned to our new sanitation vendor. Our internal transition team shared weekly social media posts to make sure our residents were receiving important recycling, bulk trash, and hurricane preparedness tips. Since hurricane season began, our NMB team has continued to participate in mock trainings to prepare for an emergency or storm at our Emergency Operations Center at the NMB Police Department.

I hope you enjoy reading through our May Monthly Report. We look forward to creating new ideas and initiatives as we enter the summer season.

Sincerely,

Arthur H. Sorey, III

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The Public Works Appreciation BBQ













On Thursday, May 26th, City Manager Arthur H. Sorey, III hosted the Public Works Appreciation BBQ at Oleta River State Park. During the event, City Administration met with Public Works employees to recognize their hard work and dedication. Vice Mayor McKenzie Fleurimond, Commissioner Michael Joseph Esq., Commissioner Paule Villard, and Commissioner Daniela Jean attended the BBQ to share their appreciation for the Public Works team. The luncheon featured food, dominoes, and various outdoor games. It was a great way to build employee morale while allowing staff to connect with coworkers.

To view more images from the BBQ, visit our **Flickr** page!

Hurricane Preparedness & Training



Hurricane Season began on Wednesday, June 1st. That means our NMB employees continue to attend ongoing trainings to make sure our residents. business owners, and visitors are prepared for an emergency or storm.

NMB Hurricane Preparedness Training

This annual training was held on May 17th and 18th at the Operations Center Training Room (an image from the training is shown above). NMB employees learned about the following topics in preparation for a storm during hurricane season:

- 1) Check all equipment and vehicles to make sure it is in working order.
- 2) Supervisors are to schedule Alpha and Bravo shifts while sheltered together, relieving shifts every 12 hours if sheltering-in results in multiple days.
- 3) Take inventory of equipment and confirm it is in working order, confirm parts/batteries.
- 4) Take inventory and order diesel fuel and gasoline for delivery in 48 hours.

North Miami Beach Police Department

Throughout the month of May, the North Miami Beach Police Department and its staff reviewed each section of ICS's Operations, Planning, Logistics, and Finance/Administration's checklist to prepare for the upcoming hurricane season.

On Wednesday, June 1st, NMBPD hosted the annual North East (NE) EOC Mock Training **Exercise** with our satellite cities and partners. The training ensured that all participants were aware of how the communication channels become activated before a storm. Employees participated in mock sceneries to make sure they were able to think of solutions for potential storm issues and understand how to work with each other during an active EOC.

Coastal Waste & Recycling Transition

The City continues to inform NMB residents, commercial customers, and condo associations about service and agreement changes occurring as we transition to Coastal Waste & Recycling. The following updates highlight the progression of our transition to Coastal.



Cart Cards on New Bins

Coastal Waste & Recycling printed cart cards to hang on all new waste and recycling bins as they were being delivered to residents. This card indicated to "please leave your old carts empty of material at the curb within one day of receiving your new carts and the recovery crew will pick them up." This messaging shows the cart delivery and retrieval plan of execution as it was understood and communicated by NMB since day one. Refrigerator magnets were also mailed out to all NMB residents.

Interactive Social Media Drip Campaign

Residents received important waste & recycling information every two to three days on our social media platforms as we got closer to our June 1st implementation. Our interactive social media drip campaign provided residents with an opportunity to have their solid waste transition questions answered in real-time.

The campaign included a photo contest (*pictured on the right*- Karla Arisbe won the contest), recycling tips, and illegal dumping information.



New NMB Solid Waste Website

The City revamped the solid waste website to better inform customers of the new waste, recycling, and bulk trash schedules. The website is now live!

Updates on the Coastal Transition (after June 1st)

Normalizing residents to the new collection schedule continues to be our priority. We anticipate a month to accustom residents to the new schedules. Public Works and Coastal are coordinating a citywide bulk clean-up. We anticipate completing this work within the first 30 days of service. Coastal is also providing cardboard and single stream recycling services to all multifamily and commercial customers.

Progress on New Waste & Recycling Bin Distribution

The Coastal team completed (ahead of schedule) the distribution and retrieval of residential waste and recycling bins. The distribution of metal containers (for commercial customers) was completed on May 31st. Coastal is working to complete all Customer Service Agreement(s). No service interruption will occur for these customers.

Electronic Forms to Report Missed Pick-ups

As an inherent part of our Coastal implementation, the NMB Team worked to develop a policy to ensure streamlined communications between Coastal and City representatives. This means customers will be able to fill out and submit an online form to report a missed pick-up or any additional concern.

Capital Improvement Projects

Washington Park Community Center



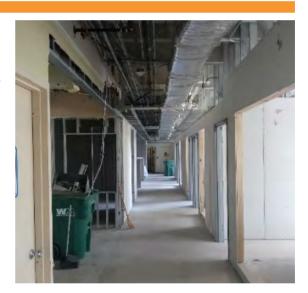


On May 9th, City Manager Arthur H. Sorey led a community workshop at Washington Park to meet with residents and share site development plans. Residents were able to share their feedback and suggest revisions to the plans. City Administration is currently working to research the feasibility of modifying the proposed plans for the site.

City Hall's 2nd Floor Renovation Project

The project had a temporary stop to complete an assessment of the interior leaks that were observed during the April 5th rain event. We received proposals from all contractors and have resumed work. In the coming weeks, the project will focus on completing the restrooms and the employee lounge area.

A major **Change Order** to date included changing the originally proposed HVAC system (Unitary DX Air Handler) to the Chilled Water System (Chilled Water Air Handler). A Chilled Water System of air cooling has already been installed within the City Hall building with access to the system located on the second floor. Installing this A/C Air Handler Unit on the 2nd floor aligns with the overall master plan for the City Hall building to be cooled using the Chilled Water system of cooling. Also, installation of the Chilled water A/C air handler will reduce the risk of damaging the recently restored roof covering because it does not require condenser units to be installed on the roof.



Production of the Chill Water Air Handler System equipment is ongoing and is estimated to be available to the site in eight weeks from June 15, 2022. This lead time has added to the delays of the project. All work should be completed and ready for inspections by **October 6, 2022**.

Capital Improvement Project at NMB Water

NMB Water has completed negotiations with Black and Veatch for Capital Improvement Program Management Support Services Work Order #3. On January 19, 2021, the Mayor and City Commission approved Resolution No. R2020-117 in the amount of \$4,318,689.66 for Work Order #2 Program Management support services for an estimated duration of twelve months. Work Order #2 lasted longer than estimated but will soon have all funds exhausted on or around June 30, 2022.

- o Period of Service from July 2022 through June 2023
- o Work Order Amount: \$4,462,742.17
- o Direct Expenditures: \$55,8000

Work Order #3 is for an estimated duration of twelve months and it authorizes Black and Veatch to continue to provide ongoing Staff Augmentation and Program Management support to NMB Water. A resolution for Work Order 3 will be included in the upcoming June Agenda. The NMB Water 5-Year CIP Dashboard may be viewed on our website.

Project Highlights at Parks

Allen Park Fitness Equipment

The removal of existing equipment occurred on May 25th and the new equipment installation is currently being installed.

Mishcon Park Field Turf

Drawings/plan/details are complete and are in final review before submission to DERM.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Statue

Statue has gone out to bid. Responses were due the week of June 13.

Kevin R. Sims Aquatic Center

Final parts for maintenance were installed. The Little Lagoon Water Playground is now open.

Littman Theater Design

Atkins Global has presented its scope and Department of Children and Families (DCF) proposal to the City for review.

Allen Park Design Services

Design services went out for RFQ on May 17, 2022 under the Cone of Silence.

Summer Camp Registration

Total registration as of June 13th is 384 participants.



Victory Park Basketball Courts

All four (4) backboards and rims were replaced with new products. The "after" image is featured above.

Visited our three licensed sites (Highland Village, Washington Park, and Uleta Park) during their surprise visits and all three sites passed without violations.

After School Program

On May 25, the after school program from all Parks and Recreation Dept. sites held its first annual spelling bee contest for grades 2-5 in the Littman Theater.

Economic Development Department

Mortgage & Rental Assistance Programs

The Mortgage and Rental Assistance Programs were launched on April 25, 2022 and more than 200 applications were distributed. For the Mortgage Program, 23 applications have been selected and awarded. For the Rental Program, 37 applications have been selected and awarded.

Business Grant Program

The Business Grant Program was launched on May 12, 2022 and more than 100 applications have been distributed to local businesses. The application deadline was extended to May 27th in effort to increase the number of business owners applying for the grant.



NMB CRA

The CRA participated in the 7th annual Taste of Haiti and the inaugural Small Business Expo. During each event, CRA staff shared information related to CRA incentive programs to guests. At the Small Business Expo, Vice Mayor McKenzie Fleurimond and CRA Director Joann Milord moderated a panel highlighting funding and grant opportunities. The CRA is assisting business owners with applications for the Strategic Investment Program and the Façade & Business Site Improvement Program. The goal is to help business owners renovate their commercial spaces.

NMB Library Programs

Cultural Celebrations in May

Commissioner Fortuna Smukler hosted an event at the NMB Library to honor **Israel's Independence, Yom Ha'azmaut**. Deputy Consul of Israel, Michael Driquez, shared great stories about the war of independence. Other consulates were present to show their support of Israel as a nation. The event featured musical entertainment, children's crafts, kosher food, and a beautiful photography display provided by Pulitzer photographer Roberto Koltun.



Haitian Heritage Month was celebrated at NMB Library with a Bilingual Storytime and cultural event. Attendees enjoyed stories, crafts, and traditional Haitian food. NMB Library also participated in Taste of Haiti and provided children with entertainment via games and crafts. The Bookmobile provided tours of the moving library to the community, gave away books, issued library cards, and provided information on library programming.







Asian American, Pacific Islander Month was celebrated through a dance program presenting educational information on the various pacific islands, their traditions, and dance for families to enjoy. Attendees also had the opportunity to learn a few steps while donning their leis. A few leis made out of *plumeria* flowers were gifted to participants. Families enjoyed coloring and a few Thai delicacies during the event. The Huong Peace Mural was exhibited from May 18th to June 3rd.





Literacy Initiative

The NMB Library kicked off **Commissioner Jean's Literacy Initiative** during Children's Book Week. Special posters were printed featuring our NMB Mayor & Commissioners holding their favorite book. Posters were placed at the Library entrance and a few Park facilities. These posters are sure to encourage children to make reading a fun part of their day!

Development in the Pipeline

The Community Development Department is composed of the Planning & Zoning, Business Tax Receipt, and Code Enforcement Divisions. The Department's goal is to ensure the implementation of the objectives and policies of the City's Comprehensive Plan and Code of Ordinances.

The May 9th Planning and Zoning Board Meeting was canceled. These projects are currently under review:

SOLESTE ON THE BAY

(a.k.a. Riverwalk South) 16375 Biscayne Blvd.

The site plan application is for the development of a 363 unit, 28-story, Mixed-Use building with 7,392 sq. ft. of retail space, 8,044 sq. ft. of restaurant space, and 2,281 sq. ft. of office space. The site features include outdoor patios, roof top amenity decks, faux green wall screening, landscaping, sidewalks, roadway improvements, and lighting.



NORTH ACADEMY

1813 NE 163rd Street

The conditional use application is for change of use of an existing vocational school to an institutional "Education" school which requires a conditional use in the MU/TC zoning district.

UPTOWN HARBOR



3501 Sunny Isles Boulevard, 3745 NE 163 Street, and 3909 NE 163 Street.

The proposed site plan application is for redevelopment of the 29.08 acre Intercoastal Mall parcel into a large scale mixed-use development. The project consists of 9 blocks of various Mixed-Use and single use buildings that contain a total of 375,000 sq. ft. of retail, 250 hotel units, 200,00 sq. ft. of office space, and 2,000 residential units. The site amenities include 65,300 sq. ft. of park space, 164,412 sq. ft. of green space, a 7,595 sq. ft. playground, 16,731 sq. ft. of Mangrove area, a 1,880 sq. ft. dog park, 22,381 sq. ft. event space, a 26, 555 sq. ft. waterfront promenade, and a new 77,698 sq. ft. canal.



LUXURY CAR DEALERSHIP

The conditional use application is for the conversion of 6,071 sq. ft. vacant building (formally a club) to a luxury automobile dealership.

The application includes facade modifications.

ORTHOPEDIC CARE CENTER

17200-40 NE 19th Avenue

The conditional use application allows for a medical office to operate at 17200-40 NE 19th Avenue within the Residential Office zoning district. The Building previously operated as a medical office without a conditional use for years, but since the former tenant ceased operation more than 180 days, a conditional use is needed in order allow the use to operate in the Residential Office (RO) zoning district.



Procurement Department

RFQ-22-032-MC Allen Park Design Services

The Procurement Department issued an RFQ requesting Statement of Qualifications from qualified architects or architectural firms, with the expertise to design exceptional recreational facilities, both in terms of aesthetics and practical function. The City intends to use the Statement of Qualifications submitted in response to this RFQ to rank the Proposers according to the most qualified and to then initiate contract negotiations with the top ranked firm(s). The current deadline for Statement of Qualifications is June 17, 2022.

ITB-22-022-MC NE 153 Street Roadway and Drainage Improvements

On March 4, 2022, the Procurement Department issued ITB-22-022-MC, soliciting qualified firm(s) to submit a bid for the NE 153 Street Roadway and Drainage Improvements. On May 19, 2022, seven (7) bids were received and are currently being evaluated for responsiveness and responsibility.



Inaugural Small Business Expo

The Chief Procurement Officer participated in a panel discussion during the City's inaugural Small Business Expo to provide attendees with valuable information, insights, and tips on how to conduct business with the City of North Miami Beach.

NMB Water







Drop Savers Poster Contest Celebration

The Drop Savers Poster Contest celebration was held on May 9, 2022. The poster contest allows young students the opportunity to tap into their creativity while promoting the importance of water conservation in their homes. Each participant had to submit a contest entry featuring a drawing on a letter sized paper. The original artwork had to incorporate a slogan, drawing, or a combination along with a water conservation idea.





Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Study

NMB Water is completing smoke testing of the system during the month of May 2022. Our team has been working around the City to conduct necessary site tests as pictured on the left.

Chemical Cost Increase

NMB Water has been experiencing an increase in the cost of chemicals used for water treatment. Companies are including a fuel surcharge. Therefore, change orders will be included in the June Commission meeting to increase the PO amounts and maintain operations.

Public Works

Resurfacing Road Project: 8th Avenue from 167th Street to 164th Street

Earlier this year, a section of 8th Avenue was resurfaced. The road received a total makeover to create a more efficient way to travel through this part of the City. The work included milling, new sub-base and compacting, and road re-striping. The project has not only created a smoother pathway for vehicles traversing the area, but it enhanced the area which is popularly known for the newly built Jefferson Plaza.





3601 NE 170 Street Drainage Works

This street in Eastern Shores needed drainage improvements due to the ponding of water during heavy rains and the frequent complaints from residents. The drainage work included the installation of catch basins, manholes, and approximately 245 lin. ft. of drainage pipe, which would be connected to the existing drainage system and outfall. This project began on May 31st and was completed on June 15th, 2022.

The Human Resources Corner







Ratification of the Collective Bargaining Agreement

The Human Resources Department hosted a Ratification and Police Appreciation Celebration on May 12, 2022, at the NMBPD Breezeway. Commissioner Paule Villard, City Manager Arthur H. Sorey, III, Interim Police Chief Harvette Smith, and Rafael Florencio, Police Sergeant and President of the North Miami Beach Police Officers' Association Local 6005, Inc. for IUPA, attended the event to sign the agreement in person. Following the ratification of a three-year negotiated renewal of the IUPA contract, an application of retroactive pay increases were applied to over 100 NMB Police Officers and Police Communications Officers.



On Thursday, April 28th, 47 NMB employees participated in the 2022 Mercedes Benz Employee Corporate Run. The annual 5K run took place in Downtown Miami at Bayfront Park. Employees were able to exercise together while enjoying a fun night outside of the office. The HR Department assisted in organizing this year's group and making sure everyone was able to register on time. Participating employees received a complimentary t-shirt. There were a total of 9,865 participants from across 437 companies at this year's event. **Go Team NMB!**

Celebrating Haitian Heritage Month at the Marlins Game!

In collaboration with Parks, Commissioner Daniela Jean and the HR Department coordinated a trip to loanDepot Park where City employees enjoyed a Haitian Heritage Month Celebration at the Miami Marlins vs. Atlanta Braves game held on Sunday, May 22, 2022. Employees were offered up to two complimentary tickets (on a first-come, first-serve basis). The City also provided transportation to and from the game.



Additional News & Rising Talent at NMB

- Created and distributed the **Timekeeping and Attendance Policy**. This policy will assist with the transition to an electronic time and attendance process.
- **Employee Appreciation Event** The HR Department offered Wellness Chair Massages to promote health and reduce stress at work. Employees were able to book appointments on April 27, 2022 from 9:00 am 4:00 pm in the PD Conference Room.
- **Six (6) new employees** have been hired during the first half of the month across the organization. From NMBWater to Community Development, we're happy to see a steady expansion of our NMB Team!

NMB Police Department



Heroes Salute Sergeant Orestes (Oreo) Lorenzo

On Monday, May 2, 2022, the North Miami Beach Police Department's (NMBPD) Command Staff and Honor Guard met Mrs. Ivette Lorenzo at our Lady of Mercy Cemetery for a Heroes Salute ceremony. Every May, this ceremony takes place to Honor Sergeant Lorenzo's sacrifices. NMBPD's honor guard escorted the family to the site and presented the colors, wreaths were placed on the site, and a prayer was shared. Emotional closing remarks were provided by the family and Interim Chief Smith about dedication, sacrifice, and most importantly, the value of family and friendships.



Kapow Program North Miami Beach Police Department Site

On Wednesday, May 4, 2022, the NMBPD hosted approximately 100 students from Fulford Elementary. These students are part of the Kapow program, which introduces children to careers through professionally designed lessons taught by their volunteers and worksite visits.







Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial Ceremony

On Thursday, May 5, 2022, the NMBPD and Interim Chief Smith attended the Annual Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial Ceremony. During the ceremony, our team paid tribute to 165 officers who, since 1865, made the ultimate sacrifice while serving the citizens of Miami-Dade County. The event included our very own Sergeant Orestes (Oreo) Lorenzo, who has been honored on this dedicated and beautiful campus.

This event showed appreciation to all the men and women in uniform for their selfless service, commitment to protecting our communities, and courage as they face fear, danger, and adversity. The touching ceremony included the lighting of the commemorative torch by Chief Smith who represented our agency and the untimely loss of Sergeant Orestes (Oreo) Lorenzo. The rollcall of Honor was read, a "Riderless Horse," a 21-gun salute, a multiple helicopter fly-over, and special effects such as a coordinated vehicle lighting exhibition. Sergeant Orestes (Oreo) Lorenzo's family pinned flowers on the memorial Badge.

Information Technology

Energov is now LIVE!

NMB Employees have successfully transitioned to using Energov. The IT Team assisted staff during a few dry run sessions scheduled during the evenings with personnel from all departments.

The goal was to ensure the flow of information from one section to the other was seamless and correct. We also wanted to help employees felt comfortable inputting important data into Energov.



ExecuTime Implementation

ExecuTime Phase 2 is being implemented as scheduled. This phase includes Public Works, NMB Discovery Library, and Public Utilities Department. Training and support sessions have been available for employees to come in and receive answers to issues or concerns.

Finance Department

Ongoing Efforts from the Finance Team

- Completion of the Annual Financial Audit and the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR). The ACFR is a comprehensive summary of the City's financial position for the period of October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021. State law requires that all general-purpose local governments publish, within one year of the close of each fiscal year, a complete set of financial statements audited by a firm of licensed certified public accountants.
- Completion of the State's Annual Financial Report (AFR) is due by June 30th, 2022. The State requires an annual reporting of the City's financial transactions.
- The City is in the process of selecting new audit firm. State laws require a request for proposal (RFP) for the solicitation of the necessary audit services.
- The Finance Department has begun working on the FY23 budget review in collaboration with the City Manager and Departments Directors. The Budget Review process is a comprehensive review of departments request for future fiscal year funding.

Accomplishment

• Successfully implemented MUNIS Tyler Cashiering on May 11, 2022.

Building Department



Crestview Condominium

Star Group General Contractor is progressing with the concrete restoration and structural repairs. We recently met with the Fire Department, engineers, and the general contractor to review pending repairs. We are currently waiting for the engineers to submit new plans with their request for the following permits: fire pump, stand pipes, and generator.

SKYGARDEN Residences

This project is located at 16300 NE 19th Avenue in North Miami Beach. H\Y'd'Ubg'UfY'VY|b['fYi |Yk YX'Vmh\Y'7ci bhm' Ci f Wi fhYgnifYj]Yk k Ug Uddfcj YX VmYb[]bYyf]b[, Planning & Zoning as well as: 9A 5"Once the plans come back approved by the County, those plans will be sent to Planning & Zoning, Public Works (Engineering), and the Building Department. Planning & Zoning as well as Public Works will review the plans for final approval.



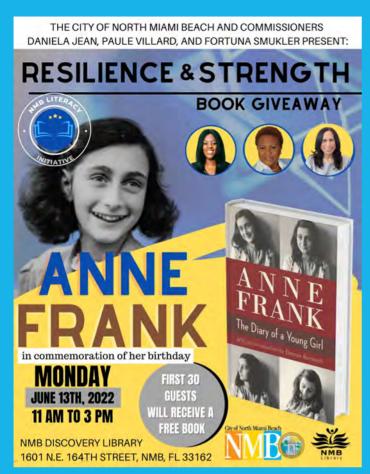
Bayview 60 Apartments

The temporary fence has already been installed around the building to avoid trespassers and intruders. The owner has not filed for a demolition permit but the Building Department has received calls from local Realtors inquiring about their demolition status. The City has been informed that the building is currently on sale for approximately \$7 million.



Bayview 60 Homes in North Miami Beach was evacuated on April 4, 2022. Alexia Fodere for The Miami Herald

Mark Your Calendar for Events & Programs Happening in June 2022!









For additional events or programs, follow our social media platforms @CityOfNMB to receive live updates.