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With summer comes the dreaded hurricane season. The 2017 Atlantic hurricane season runs from June 1 to November 30. This year, NOAA has predicted an above-normal season with 14 to 19 named tropical systems (we're already at "Harvey") and has advised people in hurricane-prone areas (OURS!) to make sure we have plans in place to deal with storm surges, power outages and possible evacuations. The peak of the season starts in late August and lasts through October. The actual "peak" occurs on September 10. A category 3 or higher is considered a major hurricane.

The last major storm to hit our area was Wilma on October 24, 2005. It was a Category 2 strength, yet was powerful enough to do the most damage in South Florida since Hurricane Andrew in August 1992. Many of us were without power for more days than we care to remember. Considering it's been almost 11 years since we have experienced a hurricane, we have prepared storm safety tips and shopping suggestions. You'll find them on page 13.

Please remember that a hurricane watch indicates the possibility of hurricane conditions within 48 hours and a hurricane warning indicates that sustained winds of at least 74 mph are expected within 36 hours. Let's be prepared!



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The Heidi Hewes Chapter of the Woman's Cancer Association of the University of Miami is

based in Miami Shores, and is dedicated to increasing wellness in the community through raising funds for cancer research, support, education, and service. The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 6 at 7:00 p.m. For more information, please email heidiheweswca@gmail.com.

On December 10, 2017, Heidi Hewes will host the 26th Annual Home for the Holidays Walk and Tour. Five of the grandest homes in Miami Shores open their doors to the guests of the 26th Annual Home for the Holidays Walk and Tour. Each home is decorated with all the charm of the holiday season. Guests will be treated to live entertainment, and this year, we introduce a Holiday Market featuring a curated mix of items perfect for holiday shopping and one of a kind gifts. For tickets and sponsorship information, please contact Catherine McLaney + Cristina Imburgia Butler, 305-450-1212 www.wcaofum.org.

Heidi Hewes will host Grape Therapy with an Educational Twist Friday, October 6th, 2017 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25. For more information, please

contact Catherine McLaney, 305-450-1212 catherinemclaney@gmail.com.

Heidi Hewes is collecting donations for the Bargain Box. Located at 1350 West Flagler, the Bargain Box is a resale thrift shop open six days a week offering outstanding values to the community while profiting the Woman's Cancer Association of the University of Miami. Everyone is invited to shop at the Bargain Box and to make tax-deductible donations of items they can no longer use. Please visit to visit the WCA Thrift store, open Monday-Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Heidi Hewes thanks donors Beverly Jameson, Maria Neira, Martha Stobs, and Martha Harrington.

Kismet Dancers of Miami

Three-day seminar and show. Sept. 15-17, 2017. Pat & Carol Cocchi (Kahreen & Kira) will be celebrating their 31st annual fall dance weekend. The weekend will feature Ahmed Hussien (Egypt). He will be teaching traditional & modern Egyptian dance. Ahmed is the only dance master to have ballet, belly dance, ballroom and Broadway experience. He choreographed "Oh Brother" for a Broadway production. He has since been sponsored on many workshops throughout the world. He will be teaching Friday evening 7:30-9:30 p.m.,

and Saturday and Sunday 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. A show will be held on Saturday evening, which will feature local dancers and dance troupes. As always, proceeds from the show will benefit the Miami Shores Community Center & autism. For more information, please contact Pat 305-754-0258, or kismetdancers.net/upcom.html

The Miami Shores People of Color (MSPoC)

Let's Talk About Charlottesville. The Miami Shores People of Color held a conversation to engage interested members of the community in an honest but challenging discussion about the tragedy in Charlottesville and race in the 21st century. The events in Charlottesville were more than a fight over symbols; it's about the dangerous rhetoric of white supremacy. The event was held on August 14 at the Miami Shores Community Church.

The Miami Shores Property Owners Association

will have its next meeting on Monday, September 25, at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Scott Davis, Miami Shores Village Public Works Director, will be the speaker for the evening. He will discuss recycling in the Village, what you can recycle. He will inform us of the how and where to recycle different items. It should be a very informative meeting.

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Miami Theater Center (MTC) is a not-for-profit cultural organization located on NE 2nd Avenue in the heart of Miami Shores' downtown district. While MTC is nationally recognized for groundbreaking adaptations of children's literature and original plays, its profound commitment to community is the focus of their new mission of creating transformative live experiences and educational opportunities for people of all ages, abilities, cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds, and to provide affordable rehearsal, performance and screening



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How does MTC impact our community? MTC engages the community locally through new programs for children and teens:

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- **MTC Spring and Winter Break Camps** include programs with both circus arts and hip-hop dance components.

- MTC will be presenting award winning animated **film screenings and live performance** such as "WINK" by New York City children's theater company Spellbound Theatre.

MTC's adult programming reflects South Florida's diverse community and results in unique partnerships with **O Cinema, Young Arts, Miami Shores People of Color, Miami Light Project** and our resident theater company Mad Cat Theatre.

Exciting events such as the upcoming Green Day (Oct. 21), the frighteningly fun



Halloween Extravaganza (Oct. 28) and the Dr. Martin Luther King Day Celebration (Jan. 15) bring joyful, educational and thought-provoking experiences to Miami Shores and it's residents.

Next door to the **MainStage**, discover the MTC **SandBox**, a black-box theater that is home to the cutting-edge **SandBox Series**. Here, artists create, rehearse and perform new work.

At the core of MTC's mission is the belief that being exposed to and creating live performance for the very young has the power to change lives and cultivate a life-long appreciation of the arts.

For more information visit mtcmiami.org or contact Terrence Brunn, Programs Coordinator, 305-751-9550 ext. 223 or terrence@mtcmiami.org.



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

Miami Country Day School

Congratulations to the Class of 2018 as they begin their Senior year!

Taplin Gallery Opening Exhibit - The Taplin Gallery's first exhibit of the year, "Colors of Nature" by Quisbel Lezcano Blanco, a Cuban painter who specializes in landscape, will open on Saturday, September 9 from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. in the Sol Taplin Charitable Foundation Gallery. The Gallery will host eight exhibits during the 2017-2018 school year. Stay tuned for upcoming reception dates and information. To learn more about Lezcano Blanco and view his work, visit www.quisbel.com.

Save the Date for **Miami Country Day School's** Annual "Walk the Walk" for Cancer and Family BBQ on Saturday, October 21 from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Check-in and registration will begin on the school's Athletic Field. Enjoy fun for the entire family while supporting cancer research.

For more information about Miami Country Day School and upcoming events, visit www.miamicountryday.org

Miami Shores Community Church School's Summer Camp Program is almost over! Campers have had a blast participating in a variety of activities all Summer, and are excited to see all of their hard work culminate in the end of summer production of Sing! Campers have had a blast singing, dancing, being gymnasts and creating beautiful backdrops for this production

and can not wait to show off all they've done!

The first day of school at MSCCS was Monday, August 28. MSCCS was prepared for the beginning of the new school year and was excited to welcome new students, as well as welcome back returning students!

Registration is continuing, and there are still a few spots available in MSCCS's Nursery through 5th grade program.

For more information please call: (305) 757-5866 or visit: www.miamishorescommunitychurchschool.org

Miami Shores Presbyterian Church School (MSPCS)

celebrated back to school with a BBQ hosted by their Parent Association. Family, friends and members of the church enjoyed a fun day getting to know each other at the start of a new academic year.



Raising the Bar at Cushman High The Cushman School's

new high school division kicks off the fall 2017-18 school year with an impressive team of seasoned educators, a completely-renovated state-of-the-art facility at 4700 Biscayne Blvd., and an array of unique courses that were designed with leading colleges/universities.

For more information about Cushman High School, contact the Main Office at: 305-757-1966 or visit: www.cushmanschool.org.

The Miami Shores Elementary PTA

would like to unveil the new multiplication stair clings in the North and South stairways at the front of the school. In honor of this year's theme, powered by optimism the MSES PTA has also installed street signs as part of the #ValuesMatters campaign. Values we aspire to instill in all that walk MSES hallways. A huge thank you to Lilian Rionda, Christy's School Supply Fund, Ms. Deborah Helser and Bryon Thomas for helping make the street signs a reality. A special thanks to Bryon Thomas and Richard Desjardins for installing the stair clings. A sincere thank you to the entire MSES student body, your continued support of MSES fundraisers makes such projects possible. A heartfelt thank you to Ms. Brenda Swain, MSES Principal and Ms. Evie Mayor, MSES Assistant Principal for their support and dedication to MSES and its students.



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Message from the Village

Miami Shores is seeking feedback from the business/restaurant community on two exciting opportunities. The first is looking for operators of a public market or pop-up restaurant(s) in the Village owned, former Catholic Charities building. The other is a solicitation for operators for the "snack shack" at the Aquatic Center. The links to these opportunities can be found at: www.miamishoresvillage.com/latest-news/public-market-food-hall-pop-up-restaurants.html



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The one certainty heading into the future is that we have no clear understanding yet of how the effects of climate change will be felt in South Florida. Whether it is longer droughts and more extreme rainfall events, stronger hurricanes, and higher tides, how can gardeners in South Florida prepare for such challenges? What can we do to safeguard our food and water supplies, and how can we ensure our gardens are part of the solution to climate change, rather than adding to the problem? The key is creating a resilient garden that is more capable of surviving as much as nature can throw its way and, at the same time, creating a space that actually helps mitigate the effects of climate change through absorption of carbon and reduction in carbon polluting activities. And while we're at it, why not include taking action to preserve important native flora and fauna—many of which are endangered in the wild—which we gardeners have the power to do? Below are some suggestions on how to create a more resilient garden for the future.

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PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION FORM

Yes! We want to be a part of Green Day on Saturday, October 21, 3:30–7:30 p.m. in downtown Miami Shores!

Company/Org. Name _____
 Contact Person _____
 Mobile Phone (day of event) _____
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The concerts’ stalwart founders Father Federico Capdepón, Bob and Julie

Williamson, and internationally acclaimed concert pianist Paul Posnak, have been joined by a cadre of volunteers enabled by generous donors. After ten years, the series moved to Barry University’s Broad Performing Arts Center. A new May “StarBurst Concert” featuring young performers on the cusp of professional careers has taken residence with Father Federico at Mission San Francisco y Santa Clara (NE 29 St at Biscayne Blvd). A partnership with Miami-Dade County Public Schools has introduced many students and families to the experience of world renowned musicians. The Parent Academy, a MDCPS initiative, receives free, family tickets to each performance. Close to twenty schools have been visited by SMC artists for performances, master classes and discussions. For the last three years, SMC has focused on our neighbors Miami Beach Senior High and Natural Bridge Elementary Schools, with free tickets offered on a rotating basis to additional schools’ students and faculty. Each printed program features a selected student’s artwork on its cover; the student receives recognition at the concert and a tangible award.

Saint Martha Concerts®, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, enjoys many generous sponsors and partnerships including The Betsy Hotel accommodating visiting performers, and granting organizations Miami-Dade County Cultural Affairs, The Children’s Trust, Miami Shores Community Alliance, Leibowitz

Foundation, as well as individual donors.



The 2017/2018 season’s performances include “Jazz from Puerto Rico,” with guest flautist Nestor Torres, on Sunday October 29; “A Holiday Event” with the 21st Century sounds of Miami’s NuDeco Ensemble on Sunday



December 10; “From Russia with Love—and a 1726 Stradivarius” featuring international violinist Gary Levinson and pianist Paul Posnak on Sunday January 27; Time for Three, string trio playing Bach-to-Blues on Sunday March 18; Messaien Quartet from NY, playing the haunting *Quartet for the End of Time*, plus more, on Sunday April 22.

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The previous officers of the Association were reelected in May for the upcoming year. They are Bekky Leonard, president; Jerome Hurtak, vice-president; Viviane Gutter, secretary; and Bill Arnold, treasurer.

Plan on attending this general meeting. The cost of joining the Association is \$20 a year and may be paid at the meeting. If you have any questions you may call 305-759-2235.

Brockway Memorial Library

Competition for acceptance to colleges and universities is at an all-time high. Parents and students in the 8th-12th grades are invited to attend two special, free seminars.



PAWS, CLAWS & JAWS!

Each month we publish photos of family pets. If you would like your pet featured please send in a photo, the pet's name, the name of the pet's family, and town of residence to "Pet of the Month" care of mgerstel@miamishores.com.



This is Kocoa, a two-year old chocolate Lab who lives with Raul Frontal.

Get real and practical answers to crucial questions about what your student needs to know about the college admissions process and how to set an application apart from the pack:

Saturday, September 9 at 10:30 a.m.:

College Admissions: What Colleges Look for and How to Get In!

Saturday, September 16 at 10:30 a.m.:

Applying to Ivy League and Highly Selective Colleges.

Presented by Beth Barteletti, Director of College Counseling at International College Counselors.

Please call 305-758-8107 to register.

Family Life Education Workshop for parents and caregivers of children between the ages of 10-18.

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Tuesday, September 5: Conflict Resolution and Boundary Issues in Families

Tuesday, September 19: Structure and Communication Issues in Families

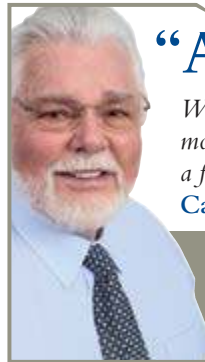
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- ✔ Reduce storm water runoff by creating rain gardens in areas where water accumulates
- ✔ Reduce water usage by replacing areas of sod with drought-tolerant plants, and installing drip irrigation and/or rainbarrels
- ✔ Compost kitchen and garden waste to use as fertilizer and mulch
- ✔ Use less toxic alternatives to chemical pesticides
- ✔ Replace gas mower with human-powered push mower
- ✔ Replace gas leaf blower with electric
- ✔ Grow environmentally-friendly plants that provide food for humans, pollinators, birds, and other beneficial wildlife.
- ✔ Provide habitat for beneficial wildlife
- ✔ Remove invasive species
- ✔ Replace all sod with an array of drought-tolerant plants that provide food for humans and wildlife

- ✔ Plant native shade trees that are drought-tolerant and hurricane-resistant
- ✔ Create a food forest by using multiple layers of trees, shrubs, vines, other perennials, interspersed with annuals that provide food for humans and wildlife
- ✔ Discontinue all use of chemical pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers, safely disposing unused quantities
- ✔ Turn off irrigation system and allow nature and rain barrels to provide sufficient water
- ✔ Plant environmentally-friendly cover crops to prevent weeds and enrich the soil naturally during the hot season
- ✔ Become a Florida-Friendly certified landscape

There is a wealth of information available online to answer questions gardeners may have, from the principles of Florida-friendly gardening, to plant guides tailored to each gardener's particular wants and needs. For those of us interested in using our gardens to lower our carbon footprint, there are many articles and studies that help us understand how. We all have the power to turn our gardens into beautiful sanctuaries for humans and beneficial flora and fauna, while sequestering some of the greenhouse gases responsible for the serious threats we are facing. When you add in cost savings that come with applying Florida-friendly principles, the decision to become a climate-smart gardener is a no-brainer.

Additional resources:

www.gardeningsolutions.ifas.ufl.edu/care/florida-friendly-landscapes/the-nine-principles
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Storm Safety Tips

Living in South Florida means that getting prepared for hurricane season is as routine as back to school shopping... or at least it should be. However, it has been so long since we have been hit by a serious storm that a lot of us have gotten complacent. Below is list of tips (or reminders—to those of us who have been here a few years) to help everyone get prepared and stay safe during this year's hurricane season.

Get Prepared!

- Have a plan! Know all evacuation routes if you live close to the coast.
- Make sure your home meets building codes for withstanding hurricanes, and has storm shutters.
- Have proper tools, supplies *
- Check/Stock your first aid kit *
- Make sure there is enough nonperishable food to last 3 days, for each person in your home.*

When a Storm Warning Is Issued

- Leave low-lying areas.
- Protect windows with plywood boards, or storm shutters.
- Secure outside objects.
- Make sure you have plenty of fuel and water.
- If called to evacuate, do so immediately.

Before the Storm Hits

- Be ready to put your plan and preparation into action.
- Pay attention to local weather reports on radio, television, or the internet.
- Have house boarded up, or have storm shutters in place.
- Have plenty of food and water.
- Make sure all your tools, supplies, and first-aid kit are available for use.
- Have a secure room available.

During the Storm

- Stay in Secure Room.
- Stay away from windows.
- Do not use the phone, or candles.
- Monitor Weather and Civil Service Bulletins on either regular or NOAA radio.
- Have supplies on hand.

- Remain indoors when the eye moves over your area because the storm will resume shortly.

After the Storm

- Make sure that all is clear outside, and the storm has completely passed before going out.
- Report downed power lines, and stay away from them.
- Use stored water and food.
- Be patient. Things will take a while before they get back to normal.

*Check out the link below to see hurricane checklists for water, food, first aid, home, pets and more: www.hurricanesafety.org/prepare/hurricane-safety-checklists/

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Each month we feature a question or a photograph from our Archives.

This month we ask: Do you know where this former Miami Shores business was located?

Do you think you know? Send your entry to chamberinfo@miamishores.com. A winner will be randomly selected from all correct entries and will receive a \$25 gift certificate from Mima's Kitchen.



Did You Know?

The thriving community of Miami Shores was incorporated on January 2, 1932. However, its history precedes incorporation. Miami Shores Village, on the shores of Biscayne Bay, was first settled in the early 1870s. The Sturtevents, the Barnotts, the Potters, the Sears, the Woods and the Hunts, were the names of some of the earliest homesteaders in the area.



Last month we featured the above right photo and asked: "Can you name these two well-known Miami Shores residents?" The correct answer was (left to right) Wayne Farris, Channel 10 News Anchor, and Mayor Joe Farina.

Last month's winner was Ms. Loreta Jones, of Miami Shores. Ms. Jones won a \$25 gift certificate to the Art of Fresh.

“” LAST WORD

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