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North Beach Sanitation Enhancements

Community Advisory: Friday, February 17, 2023

What's Happening

The City of Miami Beach continues to enhance sanitation services in North Beach in an effort to improve the water quality in Park View Canal. This includes increased sanitation to reduce the waste deposited on surfaces that drain towards the canal through the stormwater conveyance system.

The City is also making upgrades to the sanitary sewer system such as lining pipes, replacing air release valves, and smart covers on manholes for early detection of sewer back-ups.



Following a sanitary sewer overflow two weeks ago, staff removed a multitude of rags that filled a five-gallon container and caused the overflow. **Wipes may be labeled "flushable," but they don't degrade in the sanitary sewer system. Flushing them is like flushing a handkerchief or other item made of cloth.**

Our sanitary sewer systems and treatment plants were not designed to handle wipes. They gum up the system, clog pipes and pumps, and lead to costly repairs. If you must use wipes, put them in the trash, not the toilet!

As a reminder, the city has taken the following steps in the area in recent months:

- Added rain domes to public trash bins to minimize leakage.
- Increased the frequency of street sweepers and cleaning crews to twice a week. Crews are servicing the area on Wednesday and Friday

mornings, to clean debris from sidewalks, gutters and right-of-ways.

- Public trash bins are serviced twice daily, seven days a week.
- Daily Code Enforcement inspections of North Beach.

This initiative is a part of the overall action plan to improve water quality within the Park View Canal, which is impacted by the broader North Beach area. To learn more about the issue and comment on the University of Miami assessment, recommendations and actions, please visit www.mbrisingabove.com/waterquality. All comments must be submitted by Friday, February 24.



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