



# MIAMI SPRINGS

WEEKLY E-NEWS



## WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER!

THIS IS A WEEKLY ADDED FEATURE TO THE CITY'S COMMUNICATION. OUR GOAL IS TO KEEP YOU INFORMED ON UPCOMING CITY EVENTS AND NEWS WORTHY HIGHLIGHTS.

"Maybe Christmas doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more." - **The Grinch**



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**Congratulations to our newly elected District 6 County Commissioner Kevin Cabrera! The most pressing County issue before us is the Miami Springs annexation. We encourage Miami Springs residents and business owners to email Commissioner Cabrera at the link below to congratulate him and ask that under his new leadership the Miami Springs Annexation is finally achieved. Be sure to include your name and address in your email.**

**[To Email Commissioner Kevin Cabrera Click Here](#)**

**Congratulations to the City of Miami Springs Finance Department for receiving the GFOA Award for Distinguished Budget Presentation for its budget. Please join us in commending the finance department on their outstanding accomplishment!**



GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

*Distinguished  
Budget Presentation  
Award*

PRESENTED TO

**City of Miami Springs  
Florida**

For the Fiscal Year Beginning

**October 01, 2022**

*Christopher P. Morill*

Executive Director

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

December 06, 2022

**For more information, contact:****Technical Services Center****Phone: (312) 977-9700****Fax: (312) 977-4806****E-mail: [budgetawards@gfoa.org](mailto:budgetawards@gfoa.org)**

(Chicago, Illinois)--Government Finance Officers Association is pleased to announce that **City of Miami Springs, Florida**, has received GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its budget.

The award represents a significant achievement by the entity. It reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. In order to receive the budget award, the entity had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. These guidelines are designed to assess how well an entity's budget serves as:

- a policy document
- a financial plan
- an operations guide
- a communications device

Budget documents must be rated "proficient" in all four categories, and in the fourteen mandatory criteria within those categories, to receive the award.

When a Distinguished Budget Presentation Award is granted to an entity, a Certificate of Recognition for Budget Presentation is also presented to the individual(s) or department designated as being primarily responsible for having achieved the award. This has been presented to **Finance Department, Finance Director**.

There are over 1,700 participants in the Budget Awards Program. The most recent Budget Award recipients, along with their corresponding budget documents, are posted quarterly on GFOA's website. Award recipients have pioneered efforts to improve the quality of budgeting and provide an excellent example for other governments throughout North America.

*Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) advances excellence in government finance by providing best practices, professional development, resources and practical research for more than 22,500 members and the communities they serve.*

# TONIGHT

Mayor Maria Mitchell, Councilmembers Best, Bravo, and Fajet, along with the Parks and Recreation Department, present:

FREE!

## MOVIE NIGHT

at the

## Aquatic Center

Friday, Dec 9

Movie starts at 6:30 pm

MS/VG RESIDENTS ONLY (ID REQUIRED)

Movie Showing: **ELF**

Free Refreshments and Goodie Bags!

Don't Forget to Bring:  
Chair/Blanket/Pillows



Miami Springs Aquatic Center  
1401 Westward Dr.  
305-805-5078





# Toy Drive

*Miami Springs*

## OPEN CAR & TRUCK

1 Curtis Parkway · Miami Springs · Florida 33166

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 10TH 6-10PM**

- Vendor on Site
- 2 Gas card raffle \$50.00
- Dash plaques: first 100 vehicles
- Flat screen tv raffle 40" inch
- Top 30 awards: best decorated vehicle

Cars Registration: Jumpin Jack (305) 214-CARS (2277)

**Jumpin Jack PRODUCTIONS**

**TOP 30 AWARDS**

Toys to benefit the children of hurricane

**SirSpeedy**  
www.sirspeedymia.com

**\$10.00**  
Registration  
1 Unwrapped Toy  
\$20 Without



# CITY COUNCIL MEETING



● **Monday,  
December 12**  
7:00pm  
City Hall, Council Chambers

● **To view the agenda packet:  
Please Click Here.**

- Residents are encouraged to attend the meeting or view it through zoom.

# Vaccination Site

Florida Department of Health  
Miami Springs Aquatic Center  
Multi-Purpose Room

Monday's  
&

Friday's

9AM-4PM

Pfizer, & J&J 3rd Dose Booster Available for all



Ist, 2nd, doses and booster shots  
Walk- Ups Only, No Appointments  
Pfizer ONLY Individuals 5+ (with parent or legal guardian)  
Photo ID Required  
NO PROOF OF FLORIDA RESIDENCY REQUIRED

With Support From  
Mayor Maria Mitchell  
&  
Councilmembers Best,  
Fajet, Bravo and  
Vazquez



With Support  
From  
Senator  
Bryan Avila







*by Ken Wilde*

Late 1920's photo looking west taken from a small farm on Rosedale Drive(then named Melrose Drive) in the F.E.C. Addition to Country Club Estates(now Miami Springs). Notice the chickens and garden in the foreground. The 2 story building on the left(the address is now 111 Ludlam Drive, Miami Springs) was built in 1925 to house Florida East Coast Railway employees. That building still stands. In the background can be seen the F.E.C. rail cars on the west bank of the F.E.C. canal(now known locally as the Ludlam canal) and F.E.C. storage tank. In later years the Rosedale bridge would be built across the canal just to the right of this photo. In the 1950's adventurous Miami Springs youths would cross the old wooden Rosedale bridge to play in the abandoned F.E.C. roundhouse.

The City of Miami Springs has partnered with SeeClickFix to announce a new platform that will allow citizens to report quality-of-life issues and request Miami Springs services.

With free SeeClickFix mobile app and web tools, Miami Springs residents will now be able to provide Miami Springs staff with pictures, videos, specific descriptions, and more — valuable information needed to get the job done efficiently. In addition, the SeeClickFix platform provides Miami Springs officials with a centralized issue management system to manage issues from creation to resolution — engaging Miami Springs residents throughout the process.

**COMING  
SOON....**

# Get Connected. Get Involved. Get Results.

Miami Springs Click & Fix is the fastest, easiest way for you to submit non-emergency requests to your community, stay updated, and initiate change in your community.



## SeeClickFix



SCAN HERE



***The New Alert Miami Springs is a free service to all Miami Springs residents and business owners. All landline owners will automatically receive a voice-recorded message with important and/or emergency messages.***

***If you wish to add any other devices, click the button below to register your cell phone, email, home and/or business phone, and hearing-impaired devices. You can enter up to five numbers to receive these alerts (e.g.: home, business, child's school, and/or another family member).***

***We also encourage you to download the free Everbridge app to stay tuned with the most recent "Alerts". Remember, if we can't reach you, we can't alert you!***

Click the button below to sign up.





# THE CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS IS HIRING

- MAINTENANCE WORKER I
- POLICE DISPATCHER TRAINEE
- POLICE OFFICER (CERTIFIED)
- RECREATION LEADER (P/T)
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To apply, please  
click the link.

[https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers  
/miamispringsfl](https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/miamispringsfl)

# **ADVISORY BOARD** **MEMBERS NEEDED**

DO YOU LOVE MIAMI SPRINGS? DO YOU WORK OR HAVE EXPERIENCE IN FIELDS THAT COULD BENEFIT THE CITY? THEN WHY NOT GET INVOLVED AND SERVE ON AN ADVISORY BOARD?!

THE DIFFERENT CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS MEET ON A REGULAR BASIS TO REVIEW, ADVISE AND ASSIST THE CITY COUNCIL WITH DECISIONS IN MANY AREAS THAT AFFECT THE WONDERFUL QUALITY OF LIFE THAT WE ENJOY.

CURRENTLY, THE FOLLOWING BOARDS HAVE VACANCIES AND WOULD BE HAPPY TO HAVE YOU:

- ECOLOGY ADVISORY BOARD
- BOARD OF PARKS AND PARKWAYS

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING ON AN ADVISORY BOARD, PLEASE COMPLETE AN APPLICATION BY FOLLOWING THIS LINK:  
[HTTPS://WWW.MIAMISPRINGS-FL.GOV/BC](https://www.miamisprings-fl.gov/bc)

PLEASE SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE EMAIL [CITYCLERK@MIAMISPRINGS-FL.GOV](mailto:CITYCLERK@MIAMISPRINGS-FL.GOV). IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE AT 3085.805.5005.



Miami Springs Adult Community  
Center Presents:

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## TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

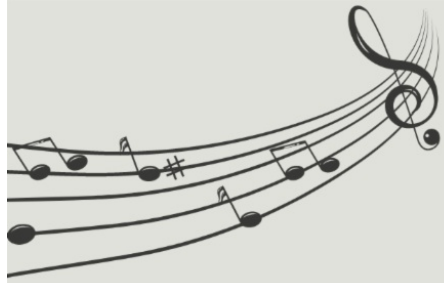
At the Adult Community Center

\*Located in the Betty Bray Fitness Room

11:30am-12:30pm

Instructor: Judd Zisquit





MIAMI SPRINGS  
ADULT COMMUNITY  
CENTER PRESENTS:

**MUSIC  
APPRECIATION  
CLASS**

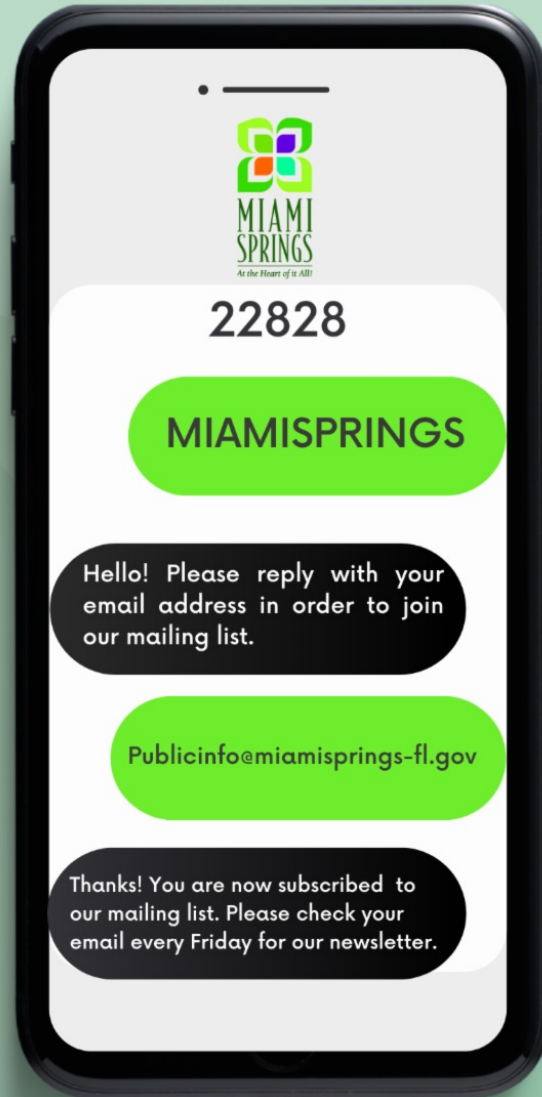
EVERY THURSDAY  
9:30AM

ADULT COMMUNITY CENTER





**TEXT MIAMISPRINGS TO  
22828 TO SUBSCRIBE TO OUR  
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER!**





# Thank you for not feeding us. Feeding the wildlife...



Prevents us from  
gathering proper  
wild food



Provides us with  
empty calories and  
no nutrition



Keeps us in one  
location and  
dependent on you



May cause over  
population and  
disease



Pollutes your water



Feeds the rodents  
as well

# IMPORTANT CITY NUMBERS:

**Police: 305-888-9711**

**Public Works: 305-805-5170**

**City Clerk: 305-805-5005**

**Building and Code: 305-805-5030**

**Parks and recreation: 305-805-5075**

**City Hall: 305-805-5000**

**Senior Center: 305-805-5160**

**Golf Course: 305-805-5180**

# JANUARY APPOINTMENTS ARE NOW OPEN!!

# 2023 2023

- Renew or Replace Florida Driver's License or ID Card
- Obtain new ID Card for Seniors or Children (5yoa or more)

The City of Miami Springs along with  
The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles  
Florida Licensing On Wheels (FLOW) mobile offices  
Will offer the above services on **FIRST WEDNESDAY** of EVERY MONTH (from 10a.m. to 2p.m.)

**THEY ARE BACK BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**  
**Please call the COMMUNITY POLICING OFFICE**  
**@ 305-888-5286 (Mon-Fri 8a-4p)**

**Scheduling of the appointments opens on the**  
**FIRST BUSINESS day of the prior month**

**JANUARY 4 Wednesday @ Miami Springs Community Center, 1401 Westward Dr.**  
**FEBRUARY 1 Wednesday @ Miami Springs Community Center, 1401 Westward Dr.**  
**MARCH 1 Wednesday @ Miami Springs Community Center, 1401 Westward Dr.**  
**APRIL 5 Wednesday @ Miami Springs Community Center, 1401 Westward Dr.**  
**MAY 3 Wednesday @ Miami Springs Community Center, 1401 Westward Dr.**  
**JUNE 7 Wednesday @ Miami Springs Community Center, 1401 Westward Dr.**

License Renewal .....	\$48	First Time ID Card.....	\$25
Late Renewal.....	\$15	Name/Address Change	\$25
CDL License Renewal	\$75	Convert out of State Lic..	\$48
License or ID Card Duplicate.....	\$25		

***No written exams or driving tests available***

*Credit Cards (Discover, MasterCard, American Express), VISA credit/debit, Cash, and personal checks accepted (additional information @ <https://www.flhsmv.gov/fees>)*

Effective January 1, 2010 new driver license & ID requirements went into effect. For more information and a complete list visit:

#### Obtaining the Florida Driver License or Identification Card

Florida has new documentation requirements for residents renewing or obtaining a driver license or identification card. If you do not have a star in the upper right corner of your Florida driver license or Identification card, please visit our **WhatToBring** website for a complete listing of required documents for your visit:

<https://www.flhsmv.gov/driver-licenses-id-cards/what-to-bring/>

For any other information, contact the  
Community Policing Office  
305/888-5286  
M-F 8am – 4pm  
[www.hsmv.state.fl.us](http://www.hsmv.state.fl.us)



# Follow the Miami Springs Parks & Recreation Department

@miamispringsparksandrecreation



Follow to stay up to date on all future events.

**Fall Sports**

**Christmas Events**

**+ Other Fun Events**

For more information contact the parks  
and recreation department 305-805-5075

# DONATE BLOOD

YOU HAVE GREATER POWERS THAN YOU KNOW.



**Miami Springs Community Center**  
**Saturday, December 10, 2022**  
**10:00 AM - 5:00 PM**



PLUS



PLUS



**DONORS RECEIVE\***

- \$20 eGift Card
- OneBlood Plush Blanket
- **Wellness Checkup** including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count, and cholesterol screening.

Appointments are encouraged, please visit [oneblood.org/donate-now](http://oneblood.org/donate-now) and use sponsor code 60576

ID REQUIRED

\*One offer per donor, per donation. No cash value. Not-transferable. Gifts may vary. For more information please visit [oneblood.org/details](http://oneblood.org/details).

oneblood   
Share your power.

To set up your appointment  
click here



## DEDICATION OF A MEMORIAL MONUMENT FOR THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF EASTERN FLIGHT 401

*Eastern 401 was an L-1011 that crashed in the Everglades just before midnight on  
December 29, 1972. 101 souls perished and 75 miraculously survived.*

**WHEN:** THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2022

**TIME:** 1:00 PM

**WHERE:** MIAMI SPRINGS' GRASSY MEDIAN IS  
LOCATED IN THE 700 BLOCK OF CURTISS PARKWAY,  
DIRECTLY ACROSS FROM THE GOLF DRIVING  
RANGE OF THE MIAMI SPRINGS GOLF AND  
COUNTRY CLUB.

**IF ATTENDING PLEASE EMAIL YOUR NAME AND # IN YOUR PARTY TO  
FLT401MEMORIAL@GMAIL.COM  
IN THE EMAIL, PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU OR SOMEONE IN YOUR  
PARTY IS A SURVIVOR OF THE CRASH OR A FAMILY MEMBER OF  
SOMEONE WHO PERISHED. THERE WILL BE SPECIAL SEATING AREAS.**

HOSTED BY TWO FLIGHT ATTENDANT/ SURVIVORS,  
BEVERLY RAPOSA, MERCEY RUIZ AND A 401 SUPPORTER  
SHANNON DEWITT.

**To Attend Please Click Here & Include Your Name &  
Number In Your Party**



WE ARE STILL ACCEPTING DONATIONS AS THERE ARE ADDED EXPENSES FOR THE DEDICATION. DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE AND YOU WILL RECEIVE AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF YOUR DONATION. WE ARE MOST APPRECIATIVE OF YOUR DONATION NO MATTER WHAT AMOUNT!

CHECKS

MAKE PAYABLE TO NATIONAL AIR DISASTER FOUNDATION  
PUT A NOTATION ON CHECK THAT IT IS FOR EASTERN 401

MAIL CHECK TO

NATIONAL AIR DISASTER FOUNDATION

2020 PENNSYLVANIA AVE NW

#315

WASHINGTON, DC 20006

ONLINE

GO TO THEIR SITE [WWW.PLANESAFE.ORG](http://WWW.PLANESAFE.ORG)

CLICK ON CONTRIBUTE IN THE BLUE BOX IN THE RIGHT COLUMN OF THEIR HOME PAGE.

FOR BOTH TYPES OF DONATIONS PLEASE SEND AN EMAIL AFTER YOU DONATE TO THE NADF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, GAIL DUNHAN SO THAT SHE CAN SEND YOU AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF YOUR TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATION. HER EMAIL IS [GADUNHAM@AOL.COM](mailto:GADUNHAM@AOL.COM)



MAYOR MARIA MITCHELL, COUNCILMEMBERS BEST, BRAVO, AND FAJET,  
ALONG WITH THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT, PRESENT:



**HOLIDAY GOLF CART PARADE  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17 AT 6PM**

**TO REGISTER PLEASE EMAIL  
[SMITHC\[AT\]MIAMISPRINGS-FL.GOV](mailto:SMITHC@MIAMISPRINGS-FL.GOV)**

## **All Aboard!!! The Polar Express!!!!**



**Join us for our holiday event on  
Dec 17th from 6pm—10 pm where  
Believers—Big or Small could ride a  
magical trolley and see decorated homes  
in our community.**

**Event will be held at 190 Westward  
(In front of City Hall) with other Holiday  
activities and fun for all!**

**For boarding passes (required for riders) or to register  
your decorated home for the route,  
contact [kahneejune@gmail.com](mailto:kahneejune@gmail.com)**

**LEONARD**  
REAL ESTATE GROUP, LLC

Sponsored by



Girl Scout Troop 2564

**For Boarding Passes Or to Register Your Decorated  
Home For The Route Click Here**

**Our Mayor and Council are here to serve you.  
You can contact them by email, phone or text**



**Mayor Maria Mitchell**  
mitchellm@miamisprings-fl.gov  
305-962-5545



**Vice Mayor  
Walter Fajet**  
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786-285-3794



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Bob Best**  
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786-319-0786



**Councilwoman  
Jacky Bravo**  
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-fl.gov  
786-831-3332



**Group 4  
Vacant**



HAVE A  
GREAT  
WEEKEND!

City of Miami Springs | 201 Westward Dr, Miami Springs, FL 33166

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