

City of Miami Springs

News Bulletin



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OCTOBER 2014

IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES

MONDAY, NOV. 10, 2014, 7:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, NOV. 11, 2014
VETERANS DAY HOLIDAY
CITY HALL CLOSED!

MONDAY, NOV. 24, 2014, 7:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2014
THANKSGIVING DAY HOLIDAY
CITY HALL CLOSED!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2014
DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
CITY HALL CLOSED!

RECYCLING:

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH

SPOTLIGHT ON ... Coming Improvements

Springs residents will soon be beneficiaries of several roadway and safety projects that are under way and under supervision by our outstanding Public Works Department.

- Just completed, the public parking lot behind the Farm Store is sporting new stripes that will make your stop at the businesses in that area easier and safer.

- To brighten evenings for the people and pets who enjoy Rio Vista Park, three street light poles are being relocated to the park from the bike path lighting at Bluebird Avenue and North Royal Poinciana Boulevard.

- Storm water work is ongoing. The 600 block of Mokena Drive will be seeing a major upgrade, scheduled to start in mid-November. The \$170,000 tab for this project is covered by the City's Storm Water Fund.

- To continue the modernization and safety enhancements in the Curtiss Circle area, curbing replacement and milling and paving of the road surface of the Circle are also planned. No one will miss the bumps and mini-sinkholes that have been patched and



re-patched! The best part about this smoother ride is that it's being paid for by the Citizens Independent Transportation Trust (CITT) with Miami-Dade County's Peoples Transportation Plan funding.

- CITT and Americans with Disabilities Act funding will also be utilized in the downtown area to provide additional ADA-compliant ramps and repair damaged sidewalks fronting some of the businesses.

CITIZEN REMINDERS**Annual Chlorine Treatment of our Water Supply 11/3 – 11/16**

Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department's annual free chlorine treatment of our water system will be taking place between November 3rd through November 16th, 2014. During this time, residents may experience an unusual taste or odor in the tap water. This has been coordinated with the Miami-Dade County Health Department, will be temporary, and causes no ill effects.

ELDERLY SERVICES DEPT.
305.805.5160 Senior Center,
343 Payne Drive**SENIOR CENTER NEWS**

The Miami Springs Senior Center, located on Prince Field at 343 Payne Drive, offers a variety of activities and services to older residents every Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m.--5:00 p.m. Current financial and programmatic support comes from: the City of Miami Springs; the Alliance for Aging, Inc. and the Florida Department of Elder Affairs; the Village of Virginia Gardens; the Miami Springs Adult & Community School; participant donations; local business organizations, civic groups and countless volunteers. Residents of Miami Springs, age 60 and over, are eligible to participate in a variety of services and activities offered at the City's Senior Center.

CONGREGATE MEALS: Hot lunch meals are served weekdays from 11:30 a.m.--12:30 p.m. to assist area seniors in maintaining a nutritionally balanced diet and to provide opportunities to volunteer and socialize with their peers.

HEALTH SUPPORT ACTIVITIES:

The following classes are currently provided through a partnership with the Miami Springs Adult & Community School and are instructed by Natasha Salmon-Cogno, Yoga Instructor and Personal Trainer:

Free CHAIR YOGA CLASSES are offered to local residents, age 60 and over, on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00–10:30 a.m. at the City's Senior Center. As enrollment is limited to 40 students, a waiting list has been established for this class.

"LET'S DANCE" EXERCISE CLASSES, free to area seniors, are scheduled on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:30–11:00 a.m. at the senior center facility. Pre-registration is required.

FLOOR YOGA CLASSES are offered free to seniors, age 60 and over, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30–11:00 a.m. at the Curtiss Mansion. A warm-up session using light weights is held from 9:00–9:30 a.m. A waiting list has been established for this class as enrollment is currently at capacity.

TRANSPORTATION: Daily pick up, utilizing the city's mini-bus, is provided to older residents with no means of transportation to and from the center. In addition, weekly trips are made to area grocery stores and assistance is given with shopping and carrying packages. Field trips to local stores, malls or other places of interest are scheduled each month.

RECREATION: Social and recreational events planned at the senior center for September include: weekly Bingo games (11/3, 11/10, 11/17 and 11/24); a raffle sponsored by the Miami Springs/Virginia Gardens Senior Citizens' Club (11/13); the Club's business meeting (11/4); the monthly birthday & anniversary party (11/20); and a field trip to Wal-Mart (11/14).

HEALTH SUPPORT & EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS:

Educational presentations are scheduled each month through the sponsorship of numerous individuals, community service orga-



During a recent Medicare Education workshop sponsored by AARP, Walmart, and Walgreens, Senior Center participant Fran Morgan worked on making a greeting card for a sick child.

nizations and businesses. To date, the following topics are scheduled for November:

"FIVE WISHES" – Palm Plaza Medical Center will sponsor a presentation on November 5th, at 12:15 p.m., by Norma Trabanco on America's most popular Living Will. Five Wishes is an easy to use legal document written in everyday language that lets adults of all ages plan how they want to be cared for in case they become seriously ill.

"DIABETIC EYE DISEASE" -- On November 12th at 12:15 p.m., Vitas Innovative Hospice and the Alliance for Aging, Inc. will sponsor a presentation on Diabetic eye disease and how one should care for their Diabetes to have more energy and less health problems caused by this disease.

"CRIME WATCH" PROGRAM – Officers Jorge Capote and Janice Simon from the MSPD's Community Policing Office will conduct the monthly Crime Watch Meeting at the senior center on November 18th at 12:15 p.m. They will provide information on recent local criminal activity and instruct attendees on how to avoid becoming a victim.

"SILVER SURFERS" – FREE Basic and Intermediate Level Computer and Internet training courses are offered at the senior center throughout the year. Sponsored by S.T.E.P.S. in the Right Direction, Inc. and the Alliance for Aging, Inc., these 5-week courses are offered in both English and Spanish. Classes meet on Tuesday mornings from 9:30–11:30 a.m., as scheduled. To learn more about upcoming courses and to register, call 305.805.5160.

For further information on any of the services, activities, or special programs offered, or to volunteer your time, talent or expertise, please contact us.

Art in City Hall

Photograph of elephant by Terri Schuh

TERRI SCHUH

Longtime Miami Springs resident and City employee Terri Schuh will be the featured artist for the "Art in City Hall Exhibit" during the month of November 2014. Terri is an amateur photographer who enjoys taking pictures of animals in their native habitat, landscapes and sunsets. She has taken a few photo workshops and is interested in learning night photography.

A reception for Terri has been scheduled for Monday, November 3, 2014, between the hours of 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. If you are not able to attend the reception, you are invited to come see her favorite pictures during the month of November between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:45 p.m.

If you live or work in Miami Springs and feel you have a special contribution to make for a future exhibit, please contact Barbara Robinson in the City Manager's Office for information about exhibit requirements and scheduling. The telephone number is (305) 805-5010.



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POLICE DEPARTMENT
305.888.9711

Theft from and of Vehicles

Miami Springs Police Department would like to provide the public with the following tips and best practices in an attempt to prevent theft of Motor Vehicles or Theft from Motor Vehicles.

Best Practices:

- Do not leave any property in your vehicle or expect to find it gone when you return later. Typical items stolen from vehicles include purses, wallets, credit cards, GPS units, passports, house keys, cash, clothing and sunglasses.
- Do not leave any personal identification in an unattended vehicle or you could become a victim of identity theft. (includes drivers license, financial documents, credit/debit information or any mail that could identify who you are) Often, the thieves are taking only identification and credit cards from purses, but leave the purse behind and the owner may not realize a theft has occurred until much later. Once armed with a few cards, thieves are able to then apply for, and receive loans in your name, additional credit cards, and cash advances. If you don't notice the theft for a number of days, the damage done could be extensive.
- Invest in a good anti-theft device, particularly a passive immobilizer. Use a steering wheel lock every time you park your vehicle.
- Do not set the 'Home' function on your GPS device to your home address, but rather to a nearby intersection, thereby not allowing the suspects to know exactly where you live.
- Do not keep your garage door opener in your vehicle along with any identifying information as this could result in directing the suspects directly to your residence.



Always wait for an automatic gate to close behind you when entering or leaving a controlled parking area.

- Do not keep spare keys to your vehicle in the vehicle. Police see this happen all the time. What would have been the theft of some change in the ashtray, turns into a theft of a vehicle. If you see any suspicious persons or activities, call the police immediately. Let the police determine if it's a crime in progress.
- Park in open, visible areas. Avoid parking behind fences and hedges.
- At home, light your driveway at night. Elsewhere, park in well lit areas near pedestrian traffic.
- Engrave your stereo and other on-board valuables with your Driver's License number. This allows any officer that locates your stolen items to be able to trace them back to you, as well as aid in the prosecution of the offender.
- When fueling your vehicle, ensure that you have your vehicle's key with you at all times and lock your vehicle when you exit your vehicle. Do not leave your unattended wallet or purses in plain view, they become easy targets for the smash and grab thieves.

PARKS & RECREATION DEPT.
305.805.5075/76 1401 Westward Drive
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FACILITY RENTAL: The Multi-Purpose Room is available for rentals. The 10x10 Pavilions at Prince Field are available for rentals. Contact the main office at the Community Center for availability & pricing. 305.805.5075

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM: Registration for our School Holiday Program is open. The registration fee is \$35.00, unless registered for ASC; the cost is \$20.00 per day. SHP is available for: Teachers Work Days, Christmas Holiday & Spring Break from 7:00am – 6:00pm

GYMNASIUM:

Open Gym Basketball Hours: Monday – Friday: 12:00 p.m. – 3 p.m.: 18 & Over \$4 3:00 pm – 5:30 p.m.: 17 & under ONLY, Free
Saturday: 7:00 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.: 17 & Under Free, 18 & Over \$4
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.: 17 & under Free 18 & over \$4

Open Gym Volleyball: Friday Evening: 6:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.: 17 & under Free 18 & over \$4

The Basketball Courts will be CLOSED Sunday, November 23rd – Monday, December 1st

Walking Club: Register Now! Members will be rewarded for miles completed. We'll not only walk on the Indoor Jogging/Walking Track in our Gymnasium, we'll also do different trails located throughout the Miami Springs area. For additional information, contact Caitlin Smith.

FITNESS:

Fitness Room & Jogging Track Hours: Monday – Friday 6:00 a.m. – 9:30 p.m., Saturday 7:00 a.m. – 8:30 p.m. & Sunday 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Fitness Room Memberships are NOW AVAILABLE:

Adults: 18 & over \$150.00
Senior: 60 & over \$75.00
Youth: 13 – 17, \$150.00 (must be accompanied by a PARENT)
Family of 2: \$188.00
Family of 3: \$263.00
Additional family members \$75.00*
*Immediate Family Members ONLY

YOGA: YOGA is held Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7:15pm- 8:15pm and Saturday mornings at 8:45 a.m. The cost is \$95.00 for an 8 week session. The next YOGA registration will be held in December please call the Community Center for more information.

We are now offering a Saturday drop in YOGA class. The cost per class is \$5.00 and starts at 8:45 a.m.

GET FIT PROGRAM: THIS IS A TWICE-WEEKLY PROGRAM WITH HIGHLY-EXPERIENCED COACHES / TRAINERS, TRAINING ATHLETES FOR TOP-NOTCH STRENGTH, FLEXIBILITY, SPEED, BALANCE, CARDIOVASCULAR AND RESPIRATORY ENDURANCE, CONDITIONING AND COORDINATION DESIGNED TO HELP KIDS REACH PEAK FITNESS AND PERFORMANCE!

This fitness program is for kids of all fitness levels and backgrounds between the ages of 11 – 15 years old. The Get Fit Program will be held on Tuesday & Thursday evenings and there will be one field trip on a Saturday per session.

The cost is \$50 per participant and SPACE is LIMITED. Registration is open now at the Community Center.

AQUATICS:

Pool Hours: Monday – Friday: 3:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. Saturdays: 10:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Sundays: 10:30 a.m – 5 p.m.

Swimming Lessons: Cancelled until further notice. Please call the Pool for more information at 305.805.5078

Water Aerobics: Monday and Tuesday Evenings: 6:30p.m – 7:30p.m. Cost: \$40.00 for 8 classes, per participant

Pool Memberships are NOW AVAILABLE:

Adults: 18 & over \$80.00
Child: 17 & under \$40.00
Senior: 60 & over \$40.00

JAZZERCISE: Burn up to 600 calories in one fun and powerfully effective 60-minute total body workout. Every Jazzercise group fitness class combines dance-based cardio with strength training and stretching to sculpt tone and lengthen muscles for maximum fat burn. Monday through Thursday: 6:00 p.m. Saturday: 10:00 a.m.

Jr. Jazzercise: is a fitness class for girls ages 5-11. The format combines dance and aerobics with group games & special activities to make the class fun and challenging. Tuesday & Thursday: 5:00 p.m. For information visit jazzercise.com or call 305.888.7625

SPECIAL EVENTS

The Veteran's Day Ceremony will be held on Tuesday, November 11th at 10:00am at the War Memorial on Curtiss Parkway. All veterans are invited to participate in this service. For additional information please call Patricia Bradley at the Miami Springs Community Center at 305.805.5075

The 5h Annual 5K Turkey Trot is set for Saturday November 22nd! As always this is not just a 5K, but a time to give back to those in need. In addition to the \$10 registration fee you will also need to turn in 2 canned goods (but we will gladly accept more) which will be given to the local organizations to be distributed as needed. If you would like to register prior to the 22nd, TROT on over to the Community Center to turn in your registration form and canned goods.

Christmas at the Gazebo will be held Saturday, December 6h. The parade will begin at 5:45pm in front of City Hall and will drop Santa off at the Circle. The fun on the circle will be from 6:00pm – 9:00pm. Be sure to bring your wish list to give to Santa and your camera to have your picture taken with Santa too! Mark your calendar; you don't miss out on another festive year of cheer.

I.D. Bracelets for Miami Springs and Virginia Gardens RESIDENTS (with proof of residency) will be available at the Community Center beginning Monday, November 10th. 5 & under are free, 6-13 are \$2

ID Bracelets for Non- Residents will be available at the Community Center beginning on Monday, December 1st ALL AGES \$10

For more information please call 305.805.5075

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPT. 305.805.5009

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

Happy Birthday and Best Wishes to the following City employees:

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| Steven Griffin | Jerry Balester Jr. | Omar Luna |
| Frank Perez | Armando Torre | Daisy Garcia |
| Mason Kegley | John Mulla | |

Recognizing long term employees:

The following employees had their anniversary date in October

Peter G. Baan	completed 40 years of service.
Patricia A. Bradley	completed 31 years of service.
Rene O. Alonso	completed 27 years of service.
Janice Simon	completed 16 years of service.
Leah Q. Cates	completed 13 years of service.
Jorge L. Romeo	completed 11 years of service.
Jorge V. Pacheco	completed 10 years of service.

Thank you for your loyal service to the City of Miami Springs.

BUILDING & CODE COMPLIANCE DEPT.
305.805.5030

HAPPY HAZARDLESS HOLIDAYS!!!

The Holidays are here, and we want to wish our residents and visitors a fun and safe season. The air is crisp and the days will soon be shorter. We sure enjoy seeing the holiday spirit displayed at our homes and businesses, as we approach Halloween, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Hanukah and Christmas, some are very entertaining and beautiful and some quite scary!

As we decorate for these holidays please keep safety a priority, remember there will be families with children walking at dark and any obstruction in the right of way could become

a safety hazard. To avoid accidents or destruction of private property or City property, we ask that you keep all decorations on your property. Please do not place decorations on City trees, swales, light post, or across sidewalks. Also, make sure to keep your home and property safe.

In an effort to keep our City safe we will be monitoring the right of ways such as sidewalks, swales and trees for potential hazards.

We appreciate your efforts and creativity in making these holidays safe and enjoyable.

May we all have many Happy Hazardless Holidays.



The basketball camp kids take a moment from training for a quick picture with their coaches Raj, Albert, Laz & Julian

Miami Springs Golf & Country Club
305.805.5180

MSGC OFFERS FREE WEEKLY GOLF CLINICS

A free clinic will be given by PGA Golf Professionals Roger Piermarini and Richard Metz every Wednesday night at 7 p.m. at the Miami Springs Golf Course Driving Range. They will answer any swing questions you have and offer lessons. Range balls must be purchased at the Golf Shop. If you've been thinking about taking up the game of Golf, or want to work on improving your game, come by the Miami Springs Golf Course Driving Range every Wednesday evening and take advantage of the FREE Clinic.



NOVEMBER 2014

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2	3 BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT: 6:00 P.M.	4 CODE ENFORCEMENT: 7:00 P.M.	5	6	7	8
9	10 CITY COUNCIL MEETING: 7:00 P.M.	11 VETERAN'S DAY! CITY HALL CLOSED!	12 CURBSIDE RECYCLING	13	14	15
16	17	18 EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD: 6:30 P.M.	19 HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD: 7:00 P.M.	20	21	22
23	24 CITY COUNCIL MEETING: 7:00 P.M.	25	26 CURBSIDE RECYCLING	27 THANKSGIVING! CITY HALL CLOSED!	28 DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING! CITY HALL CLOSED!	29
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