

## City of Miami Springs

## News Bulletin



The City of Miami Springs pays for the News Bulletin

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SEPTEMBER 2016

## IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES

**Monday, October 10, 2016**  
City Council Regular Meeting

**Monday, October 24, 2016**  
City Council Regular Meeting

### RECYCLING:

**Wednesday, October 12, 2016**  
**Wednesday, October 26, 2016**

## Art in City Hall



Curtiss Mansion, by William Wetmore

The work of Miami Springs Photographer William "Bill" Wetmore will remain featured for the "Art in City Hall Exhibit" during the month of October, 2016.

Concentrating on urban and wilderness landscapes, he shoots in both analog film and digital formats, often with vintage cameras.

Our City Hall exhibit will show a selection of his photography with a focus on South Florida, including scenes from the Springs, some unique photos of vintage aircraft, and more. Be sure to come see his art work Monday through Friday during the month of October between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:45 p.m.

## SPOTLIGHT ON ... Water/Ways

Curtiss Mansion, Inc. (CMI), in partnership with the Florida Humanities Council, is currently hosting Water/Ways, a new and exciting traveling exhibit from the Smithsonian's "Museum on Main Street" program, at the Mansion through Saturday, October 22.

The Curtiss Mansion is one of 30 sites throughout the country (and the only one in southeast Florida) chosen for participation in this initiative, which is most appropriate considering the Mansion's history. In the early 1920s, the water wells in use by the City of Miami were experiencing saltwater intrusion. Glenn Curtiss, owner of the Mansion, legendary aviation pioneer and founder of our town, hired engineers who discovered the essential fresh water on the Miami Springs Golf Course property. These wells provided the first organized water supply system for the City of Miami, and are still in use to this day. This find was so significant that, in 1930, the name of our town was changed to Miami Springs.

A goal of "Water/Ways" is to foster understanding and appreciation for the many ways this life-giving resource impacts our sense of



Teen environmentalist Delaney Reynolds presenting the Water/Ways program "Sink or Swim"

place, history, and culture. The exhibit is also bringing awareness to the serious water-related issues facing South Floridians today, including sea level rise, water restrictions, diminishing aquifers and Everglades restoration.

Through a diverse array of related locally-focused programming, CMI is offering some-

thing interesting for everyone. Upcoming events include a talk featuring local craft beer, "From Water into Beer" (ages 21 & over), on Thursday, September 29th at 6:30 p.m., a "Virtual Trip Along Local Waterways" on Sunday, October 2 at 2 p.m., a panel discussion "Water Preservation in our Community" on Thursday, October 6th at 6:30 p.m., an illustrated lecture "Combining Art and Science about Water Resource Issues" on Thursday, October 13th at 6:30 p.m. and a chat with "Mr. Water" (Joe Podgor) about the "Origins of the River Cities Festival" on Thursday, October 29th at 6:30 p.m. The culminating event, on Saturday afternoon, October 22 at 4:30 p.m., will be a magnificent and truly moving concert "Shall We Gather at the River", featuring songs of redemption, salvation and purification from the southern African-American spirituals tradition.

Admission to the Water/Ways exhibit, all of the above events and onsite parking are FREE and open to the public (donations gratefully accepted). Please visit [www.curtiss-mansion.org/MoMS](http://www.curtiss-mansion.org/MoMS) for daily schedules of operation.

## ELDERLY SERVICES DEPT.

305.805.5160 • SENIOR CENTER, • 343 PAYNE DRIVE

**THE CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS SENIOR CENTER**, located on Prince Field at 343 Payne Drive, offers a variety of activities and services to older residents age 60 and over. The city's senior center is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. and provides older citizens with numerous opportunities to: improve their health by participating in the nutritionally balanced, daily lunch program, free nutritional counseling, and in health support screenings and activities; improve their knowledge through health, nutrition, and consumer education workshops and classes scheduled each month; obtain information and referral assistance to services available throughout the county; stay active by socializing with their peers, volunteering to help others and participating in recreational activities; and improve their use of leisure time.

Older citizens may also be eligible to utilize the center's transportation service or the home delivered meal program for those who cannot leave their homes without assistance.

In addition to these core service offerings, the following programs and educational presentations have been scheduled for October:

**"MAYOR REPORT"** -- Mayor Javier Garcia will present information on current City Council actions and other topics of interest to the citizenry on October 5th at 12:15 p.m.;

**"LIBRARY RESOURCES FOR SENIORS"** -- On October 6th at 12:15 p.m., Ana Barreto, Branch Manager of the Miami Springs and Hialeah Gardens libraries, will present information on the ways seniors can use the many resources available from our library.

**"OPEN ENROLLMENT"** -- Chen Medical Centers will sponsor a program on October 12th, at 12:15 p.m., to discuss the 10/15–12/7 enrollment period for those age 65 and over to select a medical insurance plan. Information will be provided on original Medicare Part A (hospital insurance), Part B (medical insurance), Part C (Advantage plans) and Part D (prescription drug plans) and what choices are available to seniors residing in Miami-Dade County.

**"CRIME WATCH" PROGRAM** -- Officers Jorge Capote and Janice Simon from the MSPD's Community Policing Office will present the monthly Crime Watch Program at the senior center on October 18 at 12:15 p.m. The Officers will inform attendees about current crimes being committed in the City and will provide tips on how to avoid becoming a victim.

**"MEET THE PARROTS & OTHER COOL WILDLIFE OF SOUTH FLORIDA"** -- On October 26th at 12:15 p.m., Paul Bithorn will entertain and educate us with a program on South Florida's parrots and other wild creatures. Former Virginia Gardens' Mayor Bithorn is a Tropical Audubon Society Board member and avid birder who has contributed information to several bird-finding guide publications. His documentation of parrot species in Miami has been featured in the "National Wildlife Federation" magazine and in "Birders World."

**FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING** -- Registered Nurses from the Miami-Dade Health Department will be available at the senior center on Thursday, October 27th from 10:00–11:45 a.m. to screen seniors for hypertension and to provide individual counseling.

Special health support and recreational activities are scheduled in October to include the following classes:

**• TAI CHI FOR SENIORS** -- Tai Chi exercises, designed for individuals age 60 and over, are taught by Judd Zisquit on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 12:30–1:30 p.m. to seniors who register with the City's senior center. Classes are held at the Aquatic Center's Multi-

Purpose Room and focus on improving joint flexibility, balance, muscular strength, and general fitness and health.

**• CHAIR EXERCISE CLASSES**, instructed by Elizabeth King and free for registered seniors, are offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30–11:00 a.m. at the Senior Center.

**• CHAIR YOGA CLASSES** are offered free to local residents, age 60 and over, on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00–10:30 a.m. at the City's Senior Center. Registration with the City's Elderly Services Department is required.

**• "LET'S DANCE" EXERCISE CLASSES**, free for registered seniors, are scheduled on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:30–11:00 a.m. at the senior center facility. Registration is required.

**• FLOOR YOGA CLASSES** are offered free to Springs' seniors, age 60 and over, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00–11:00 a.m. at the Curtiss Mansion. Students must pre-register.

**• "CELEBRATION WORKOUT"** classes, designed to work on memory and physical fitness, are held every Friday morning from 9:00–11:00 a.m. at the City's Senior Center and are free to those age 60 and over who register with the City's Elderly Services Department.

Upcoming events also include: field trips to Wal-Mart (10/7) and Mall of the Americas (10/19); weekly Bingo games (10/3, 10/10, 10/17, 10/24 and 10/31); the annual Halloween Costume Contest (10/31); and the monthly birthday and anniversary party (10/20).

For further information, please contact the Elderly Services Department's office at (305) 805-5160.



Miami Springs Historical Society member Yvonne Shonberger awards golfer Juan Valle with the "Best Costume" prize at the City's 90th Birthday Golf Tournament

## WELCOME

The City of Miami Springs welcomes the following new businesses to our City, and wishes them every success:

### Arva Construction

999 Hunting Lodge Dr.  
general contractor

### Atlantic First LLC

700 S. Royal Poinciana Blvd.  
brokers/mortgage

### Erika Flowers L & L Event Dresses

355 Westward Dr.  
event wedding dresses

### Ninety-nine Music, Inc

300 Westward Dr.  
music school

### The Leonard Real Estate Group

190 Westward Dr.  
real estate agent



## POLICE DEPARTMENT

305.888.9711

### Miami Springs Police Department NATIONAL TAKE BACK INITIATIVE

**Saturday, October 22, 2016**

The Miami Springs Community Policing Office in a collaborative effort with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will work together to remove potentially dangerous controlled substances from our nation's medicine cabinets. **On Saturday, October 22, 2016**, the collection activities will take place **from 10:00 a.m. through 2:00 p.m. at the Miami Springs Community Policing Office (CPO) located at 274 Westward Drive.** The National Take Back Day provides an opportunity for the public to surrender expired, unwanted, or unused pharmaceutical controlled substances and other medications for destruction. These drugs are a potential source of supply for illegal use and an unacceptable risk to public health and safety.

This one-day effort is intended to bring national focus to the issue of increasing pharmaceutical controlled substance abuse.

- The program is anonymous.
- If left in original containers, **remove**



#### personal information from label.

• Prescription and over the counter solid dosage medications, i.e. tablets and capsules accepted.

• **Intra-venous solutions, injectibles, and syringes will not be accepted.**

## HUMAN RESOURCES DEPT. 305.805.5009

### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:

Happy Birthday and Best Wishes to the following City employees:

Patricia Mann Bradley	Elora Sakal	Jorge Romeo
Carol Foster	Joel Watts	Eneyra Encarnación
Armando Domínguez	Rafael Pérez	
Denise Rivera	Jason Hall	

### Recognizing long term employees:

The following employee had his anniversary date in September

Karen L. Rosson	completed 39 years of service.
Rosita Hernandez	completed 26 years of service.
Charlene M. Navarro	completed 24 years of service.
David A. Bente	completed 22 years of service.
Jeanne M. Malden and Roberto C. Gonzalez	completed 15 years of service.

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

## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

305.805.5170

### REDUCE TOXIC STORMWATER RUNOFF

Rain falls on yards, roads and parking lots, flows from the gutters into storm drains, and then washes into tributaries and lakes or bays, carrying pollutants like fertilizers, pesticides, soil, petroleum products and other pollutants. Scientists have discovered that fertilizers and pesticides from residential areas are serious threats to the health of Florida's water and ecosystems.

Runoff containing nitrogen from fertilizers or toxic substances from pesticides can damage aquatic plants and animals that live in fresh and salt water environments.

Florida Yards and Neighborhoods, an edu-

cational outreach program, encourages homeowners to water efficiently, mulch, recycle, select the least toxic pest control measures, put the right plant in the right spot, fertilize only when necessary, provide food, water and shelter for wildlife, protect surface water bodies (i.e., bays, rivers, streams, ponds, etc.) and minimize stormwater runoff. Proper implementation of Florida Yards & Neighborhoods practices in your yard will protect the natural environment around us for generations of Miami Springs' residents to enjoy. Please visit the FY&N website for information on what you and your neighbors can do to protect our resources.

<http://fyn.ifas.ufl.edu/index.html>

## BUILDING & CODE COMPLIANCE DEPT.

305.805.5030

### TIME TO FUND RAISE, CELEBRATE AND VOTE

As we drive around on our daily inspections we have noticed many snipe signs, sandwich signs, rocks, and vehicles being placed on the right of way areas causing an obstruction of the right of way. These areas are alleys, sidewalks, swales, city trees and traffic signs. Many of these signs are for fund raisers, political candidates, businesses, religious organizations and holiday decorations.

Placing any type of signs or decorations on the public right of ways is prohibited and a liability to the property owner and the City.

Holiday decorations are nice and they give our City a happy festive look, but the safety of our residents and visitors is crucial.

In the following months we will be monitoring

the right of ways such as sidewalks, swales, alley ways and city trees for potential safety hazards, such as overgrown hedges, low trees, decorations, electrical cords, signs and other obstructions.

We are asking our residents and business owners to please keep all right of ways areas adjacent to your properties and businesses clear. Let's have another safe and enjoyable election and holiday season.

**Sec. 114-09.** Carrying on business in public places; obstruction of public ways; placement of vending machines; permit for placement of building materials.

**(B) It shall be unlawful to obstruct any part of the public streets, sidewalks, parkways, parks, or other publicly owned properties in the City.**

## 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. The 20x20 Pavilion at Stafford Park is available for rental.

Contact the Main Office at the Community Center for availability & pricing. 305.805.5075

### Open Gym Basketball Hours:

**Tuesday & Thursday Evenings:** 6:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

**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

### ATHLETICS:

**Youth Basketball League: Registration** will begin on Monday, October 3rd at 6pm at the Community Center. The youth basketball league is a co-ed basketball league for children between the ages of 6 -15 years old. For more information please call the Community Center 305-805-5075

### 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:

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  
Seniors 60 & Over  
Use of the Fitness Room is FREE, Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Participants must fill out the registration form at the Main Office of the Community Center

### 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.

The cost is \$50 per participant for 8 classes and SPACE is LIMITED.

Registration is ongoing at the Community Center.

### 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: 5:15 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.  
For information visit [jazzercise.com](http://jazzercise.com) or call 305-888-7625

### AQUATICS:

#### Pool Hours

**Monday-Friday:** Lap Swim: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Open Swim: 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**Saturday:** Open Swim: 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**Sunday:** Open Swim: 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., weather permitting

### Swimming Lessons:

With certified American Red Cross Instructors, and an outstanding facility, the Miami Springs Aquatic Center welcomes all



**We're gearing up for the 2016/2017 Youth Basketball League! Are you ready? Registration begins Monday, October 3rd at 6pm at the Community Center.**

children, ages six months and up, to join our American Red Cross Swim program. Sessions run every two weeks and swim classes are offered year round. The cost is \$50 per two week session for residents & \$60 for non-residents

For class times please call the Aquatic Center at 305-805-5078

### Water Aerobics:

#### Class Times:

**Monday & Wednesday:** 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**Tuesday & Thursday:** 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**Cost for 8 Classes:** Resident: \$50.00. Non-Resident: \$60.00

For more information please call the Aquatic Center at 305-805-578

### Pool Memberships are AVAILABLE:

#### Residents:

Adults: 18 & over \$90.00  
Child: 17 & under \$50.00  
Senior: 60 & over \$50.00  
Family of 4: \$250.00  
Seniors 60 & Over  
Use of the Aquatic Center is FREE, Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

#### Non-Residents:

Adults: 18 & over \$150.00  
Child: 17 & under \$100.00  
Senior: 60 & over \$100.00  
Family of 4: \$350.00

### Rentals:

The Miami Springs Aquatic Facility offers public and private rentals for residents & non-residents. If you are hoping to get out of the sun while at the pool you may be interested in a 12x12 umbrella rental or 16x16 shaded areas. There is a Multi-Purpose room available for rent that we hope will meet all your party needs.

For detailed rental information and pricing please call the Miami Springs Aquatic Center at 305-805-5078 or visit <http://www.miamisprings-fl.gov/parksandrecreation/aquatic-facility-rental-information>

## SPECIAL EVENTS:

**The Annual Spook-tacular Halloween Costume Contest** will be held on Friday, October 28th at 7:00pm at the Miami Springs Community Center. The costume contest is for ALL AGES; from Babies to Adults including Family Costumes!

For more information please call the Miami Springs Community Center at 305-805-5075.

**The Veterans Day Ceremony** will be held on Friday, 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 7th Annual 5K Turkey Trot** is set for Saturday November 19th! 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 19th, TROT on over to the Community Center to turn in your registration form and canned goods beginning Monday, October 31st!

**Save the Date for Christmas at the Gazebo.** Christmas at the Gazebo will be held Saturday, December 10th. Mark your calendar; you don't want to miss out on another festive year of cheer. Check next month's Gazette for more information.



# OCTOBER 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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9	10 CITY COUNCIL MEETING: 7:00 P.M.	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD: 7:00 P.M.	20	21	22
23	24 CITY COUNCIL MEETING: 7:00 P.M.	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					



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**305.887.1234**

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New expanded menu of delicious Bar Bite, salads and sandwiches daily till 5pm
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- **Happy Hour Specials**  
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