

## City of Miami Springs

## News Bulletin



The City of Miami Springs pays for the News Bulletin

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AUGUST 2016

**IMPORTANT  
CALENDAR DATES**

**Monday, August 29, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.**  
City Council Regular Meeting

**Monday, Sept. 12, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.**  
City Council Regular Meeting

**Monday, Sept. 26, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.**  
City Council Regular Meeting

**RECYCLING:**

**Wednesday, August 31**

**Wednesday, September 14**

**Wednesday, September 28**

*Art in City Hall*

"Curtiss Tower", photograph by Bill Wetmore

Photographer William "Bill" Wetmore will be the featured artist for the "Art in City Hall Exhibit" during the month of September, 2016. Bill Wetmore is a South Florida native, and he and his wife have been Miami Springs residents since 1993.

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.

You are invited to a reception in the City Hall lobby to meet Bill Wetmore and enjoy his exhibit on Monday evening, September 12th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. If you cannot attend the reception, be sure to come see his art work Monday through Friday during the month of September between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:45 p.m.

**SPOTLIGHT ON ... William Collins**

The City of Miami Springs has named a new Human Resources and Risk Management Director, William "Bill" Collins. With over 15 years of diverse HR experience with Miami-Dade County, the City of Miami, Barry University and the University of Massachusetts, he has jumped right in, meeting all employees and getting to know their needs.

He is grateful for the contributions of his predecessor, Loretta Boucher. "Loretta set a great foundation for HR in the City. She used solid practices that she implemented with empathy and compassion. I want to carry on in that spirit, and build on her work."

Bill states, "I have a strong commitment to ethics, transparency, and the effective use of technology. One of my goals is to use technology to move HR operations towards a paperless environment. I'm also a positive thinker, and the City of Miami Springs presents a great opportunity to implement best practices and positive change."

Since he has had extensive experience and a great interest in professional development, he hopes to be providing updated trainings for City employees in ethics, disabili-

ty awareness and access, and other helpful and relevant topics.

Before moving to South Florida for school, he grew up in Auburn, MA, in a family of seven children. "Auburn is a small town, about the size of Miami Springs, so I feel very much at home here. Auburn even has a similar aerospace history – Robert Goddard, the Father of American Rocketry, launched his first liquid-fueled rockets in 1926 from what is now the municipal golf course and, just like Glenn Curtiss, Goddard's work shaped the town's character."

He said he has already fallen in love with the City of Miami Springs. "It didn't take me long to understand that this is a very special and unique city. It's a safe, family-friendly community with lots of charm. I certainly appreciate the pride that Miami Springs residents have in their great city, and I share in that pride as well."

Bill lives in Coral Gables with two rescued pets, his dog Candy and his cat Cleo, and in his spare time loves recreational biking and volunteers for several animal rescue organiza-



Human Resources Director/Risk Manager  
William J. Collins

**ELDERLY SERVICES DEPT.**

305.805.5160 • SENIOR CENTER, • 343 PAYNE DRIVE

**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; 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 courses require registration, as class size is limited, and are offered only to seniors enrolled in Miami Springs Senior Center activities:

- **CHAIR YOGA** instruction is provided by Natasha Salmon-Cogno on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00–10:30 a.m. at the City's Senior Center. Classes are offered free to local residents, age 60 and over, who register with the Elderly Services Department.

- **"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. Classes are instructed by Natasha Salmon-Cogno and pre-registration is required.

- **FLOOR YOGA CLASSES**, instructed by Natasha Salmon-Cogno, are offered free to registered seniors on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00–11:00 a.m. at the Curtiss Mansion.

- **"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. Classes are instructed by Natasha Salmon-Cogno and are free to registered seniors.

- **CHAIR EXERCISE CLASSES**, instructed by Elizabeth King and free for registered seniors, are offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:45–11:15 a.m. at the Senior Center.

- **TAI CHI for ARTHRITIS** -- Tai Chi exercises, designed to help older individuals with Arthritis, are taught by certified instructor Judd Zisquit on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:30–1:30 p.m. to seniors who are enrolled in senior center activities. Beginning September 2nd, classes will meet in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Aquatic Center and focus on improving joint flexibility, balance, muscular strength, and general fitness and health. Miami Springs' seniors must pre-register at the senior center office located at 343 Payne Drive.

**RECREATION ACTIVITIES:** Recreational and social events are planned each month at the senior center. Currently, the following activities are scheduled for September: weekly Bingo games (9/6, 9/13, 9/20 and 9/27); the monthly birthday & anniversary party (9/15); and a shopping trip to Wal-Mart (9/7) and the Curtiss Mansion for a private tour of the Smithsonian Institute's Water/Ways Exhibit (9/13).

**TRANSPORTATION:** Daily pick up, utilizing the Hialeah-MS



Seniors had a fabulous time at their recent "Black and White Party" at the Senior Center.

Rotary Charitable Foundation 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 usually scheduled each month, as well.

**HEALTH SUPPORT AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS:** Educational presentations are scheduled each month through the sponsorship of numerous individuals, community service organizations and businesses. As of this writing, the following topics are scheduled for September:

- **"HONOR FLIGHTS"** -- On September 2nd at 12:15 p.m., Elaine Martin will present information regarding free trips to Washington, D.C. for WW II and Korean War Veterans to see their memorials and tributes;

- **"MENTAL HEALTH"** – Staywell, a Wellcare Health Company, will present a mental health workshop on September 7th at 12:15 p.m.

- **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 September 20th at 12:15 p.m. and provide information on recent, local criminal activities;

- **FALL FESTIVAL EVENT** - The Miami Springs/Virginia Gardens Senior Citizens' Club is planning a special Fall event on September 21st from 5:00–8:00 p.m. at the senior center. This event will be co-sponsored by Commissioner Rebeca Sosa and will include dinner, dancing and door prizes! Reservations are required. Everyone is invited to dress in autumn colors.

- **"READY, STEADY, BALANCE: PREVENTING FALLS"** – On September 27th at 12:15 p.m., Maritza Lopez, MFT, sponsored by Catholic Hospice, Inc., will present helpful information on how falling can be prevented.

For further information on any of the services, activities, or special programs offered, or to volunteer your time, talent or expertise at the Miami Springs Senior Center, please contact us at 305.805.5160.

**WELCOME**

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

**L & L Dresses at Erika Flowers**  
355 Westward Drive  
Event Dresses

**Veracuba Travel Services Corp.**  
8 Canal Street  
Travel Agency

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
305.888.9711

**The IRS continues working to warn taxpayers about phone scams**

**Protect Yourself**

Scammers make unsolicited calls claiming to be IRS officials. They demand that the victim pay a bogus tax bill. They con the victim into sending cash, usually through a prepaid debit card or wire transfer. They may also leave "urgent" callback requests through phone "robo-calls," or via a phishing email.

Many phone scams use threats to intimidate and bully a victim into paying. They may even threaten to arrest, deport or revoke the license of their victim if they don't get the money.

Scammers often alter caller ID numbers to make it look like the IRS or another agency is calling. The callers use IRS titles and fake badge numbers to appear legitimate. They may use the victim's name, address and other personal information to make the call sound official.

Here are five things the scammers often do but the IRS will not do. Any one of these five things is a tell-tale sign of a scam.

**The IRS will never:**

- Call to demand immediate payment, nor will the agency call about taxes owed without first having mailed you a bill.
- Demand that you pay taxes without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe.
- Require you to use a specific payment method for your taxes, such as a prepaid debit card.
- Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.
- Threaten to bring in local police or other law-enforcement groups to have you arrested for not paying.

If you get a phone call from someone claiming to be from the IRS and asking for money, here's what you should do:

**If you don't owe taxes, or have no reason to think that you do:**

- Do not give out any information. Hang up immediately.
- Contact TIGTA to report the call. Use their "IRS Impersonation Scam Reporting" web page. You can also call 800-366-4484.
- Report it to the Federal Trade Commission. Use the "FTC Complaint Assistant" on FTC.gov. Please add "IRS Telephone Scam" in the notes.

**If you know you owe, or think you may owe tax:**

- Call the IRS at 800-829-1040. IRS workers can help you.
- Stay alert to scams that use the IRS as a lure. Tax scams can happen any time of year, not just at tax time. For more, visit "Tax Scams and Consumer Alerts" on IRS.gov.

**Don't fall for**



**phone scams**

**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

**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 beginning September 13th.

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

Registration will open Monday, August 29th 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 or call 305.888.7625

**AQUATICS:**

**Summer Pool Hours Weather Permitting**

**Monday-Friday:** Lap Swim/ Swim Lessons: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Open Swim: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Lap Swim/ Swim Lessons: 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**Saturday:** Open Swim: 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**Sunday:** Open Swim: 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., weather permitting

**Effective Tuesday, September 6th:**

**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 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:**

For more information please call the Aquatic Center at 305.805.5078

Cost: \$40.00 for 8 classes, per participant

**Pool Memberships are NOW 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>

**HUMAN RESOURCES DEPT. 305.805.5009**

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:**

Happy Birthday and Best Wishes to the following City employees:

Jeanne Malden	Adonys Llorens	Marc Pierre
Lazaro Garaboa	Dwight Wright	David Olivas
Tulio Garcia Sr.	Angel Urbaz	Cheryl Mulet

**Recognizing long term employees:**

The following employee had his anniversary date in August

Thomas D. Kelly	completed 29 years of service.
Armando Dominguez	completed 23 years of service.
Erik M. Estok, and Antonio R. Pérez	completed 13 years of service.

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

**BUILDING & CODE COMPLIANCE DEPT.**  
305.805.5030

**UPCOMING CITY SWEEP**

It's been a great summer and property owners have spruced up their homes and businesses. Most of the properties are looking very nice; however, many properties are missing their street numbers. This is essential for emergency personnel, delivery services, and let's not forget school bus services to be able to find your property.

The following are the City Code requirements for the proper number size and locations.

**• Sec. 96-05. - Display of street numbers.**

(A) The street numbers assigned to all structures in the City shall comply with the following requirements:

- (1) Must be at least three inches in height.
- (2) Must be in a contrasting color to that of the structure to which it is attached.
- (3) Must be visible and easily readable from the roadway fronting the displayed street number.
- (4) No trees, shrubs, or other foliage shall be maintained in such a manner as to obstruct the visibility of any street number from the roadway fronting the displayed street number.

(B) Notwithstanding the foregoing, street numbers may be displayed upon attached or detached mailboxes, so long as the location and placement of the street numbers on the mail-

boxes is in compliance with the requirements of the preceding section.

(C) All street numbers which are currently easily readable and visible from the roadway fronting the displayed street number shall have two years to comply with all the requirements of subsection (A) of this section.

(D) All street numbers which are not currently easily readable and visible from the roadway fronting the displayed street number are required to immediately comply with the requirements of subsection (A) of this section.

(1962 Code, § 19-5; Ord. 247, passed 4-25-60; amend. Ord. 1028-2011, passed 11-28-11)

**POLITICAL SIGN REMINDER!**

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING RULES ABOUT POLITICAL SIGNS.

1. ONLY ONE SIGN PER CANDIDATE OR BALLOT ISSUE PER PROPERTY.
2. NO POLITICAL SIGNS ON PUBLIC PROPERTY (INCLUDING YOUR SWALE AREA). WHERE THERE IS NO SIDEWALK, PLACE SIGNS TEN FEET FROM STREET.
3. NO ILLUMINATED SIGNS.
4. NO SIGNS THAT INHIBIT VISIBILITY OR PASSAGE ON A PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY (STREET OR SIDEWALK).
5. REMOVE ALL SIGNS WITHIN TEN DAYS OF THE END OF THE ELECTION.



Above: Rec summer campers are having fun during a friendly Field Day game of Tug-O-War Below: The campers all came together for one final dance at the Summer Talent Show "Dancing through the Decades."



# SEPTEMBER 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5 LABOR DAY! CITY HALL CLOSED!	6	7 PARKS & PARKWAYS MTG: 7:00 P.M.	8	9	10
11	12 CITY COUNCIL MEETING: 7:00 P.M.	13	14 RECYCLE	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 CITY COUNCIL MEETING: 7:00 P.M.	27	28 RECYCLE	29	30	

Stop by and enjoy great drinks and good times in 'YOUR'

## Country Club Grille

- New Menu**

New expanded menu of delicious Bar Bite, salads and sandwiches daily till 5pm

- Breakfast is Back!**

Saturday and Sunday 8-11 am with fresh eggs and great sides

- Happy Hour Specials**

Monday - Friday 4-7 pm Drink Specials and discounted Bar Bites



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# BBO THROWDOWN



**Saturday,  
Sept. 24th  
11:00am to 8:00pm at the Circle**

**Music • Food • Drinks • Bounce House**

Think you have what it takes to compete against last years winners, put a team together and show us what you've got!

Don't want to compete, come out anyway and enjoy the great smell of BBO, listen to some great music, eat and drink.

For more info or to register, call Tony Silva 305-345-1019, visit our website at [www.msvooptimist.com](http://www.msvooptimist.com) or search for us on Facebook.

