

City of Miami Springs

News Bulletin



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OCTOBER 2016

IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES

Observed Holidays

November 11, 2016

Veterans Day: City Hall Closed!

November 24, 2016

Thanksgiving Day: City Hall Closed!

November 25, 2016 – Day after Thanksgiving Day: City Hall Closed!

City Council Meetings

Monday, Nov. 14, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.
City Council Regular Meeting

Monday, Nov. 28, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.
(TENTATIVE) City Council Regular Meeting

RECYCLING:

Wednesday, November 9, 2016

Wednesday, November 23, 2016

SPOTLIGHT ON ... The new "Guide to City Services"

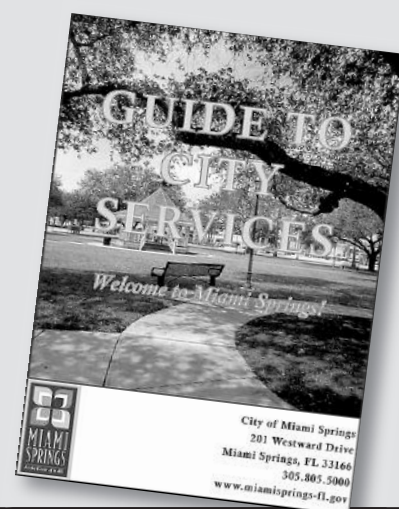
New to Miami Springs? Not sure how to report a problem to the City? Looking for shuttle information? Wondering what resources are available to seniors? Answers to all these questions and more are found in the brand-new publication called "Guide to City Services."

Hot off the press, this booklet will familiarize you with the many benefits and amenities available to you as a Miami Springs resident. It was designed to help you take the "guess-work" out of navigating city services. From determining where to obtain a building permit for home improvements to finding a civic or service

organization to learning about ways you can become involved in municipal government, this guide will provide you with the tools you need to become connected. It will answer many of your questions about city services, and direct you to the department or other agencies that you need.

You may pick up a free copy of the "Guide to City Services" at the City Hall information window or the Community Policing Office. It's also online at:

<http://www.miamisprings-fl.gov/community/guide-city-services>



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. Classes 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 November: weekly Bingo games (11/7, 11/14, 11/21 and 11/28); the monthly birthday & anniversary party (11/17); shopping trips to Wal-Mart (11/4) and Target (11/18); and the Thanksgiving luncheon (11/23).

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

"POWER OF LIFESTYLE CHANGES" -- On November 2nd at 12:15 p.m., Staywell, a Wellcare Health Company, will sponsor speaker Grace Geraldo to present a dynamic program on how simple lifestyle changes can positively impact the quality of your life;

"READY, STEADY, BALANCE: PREVENTING FALLS" -- On

Art in City Hall



"Rainbow Fractals", a painting by Pavlina Alea

Art work by Pavlina Alea will be featured for the "Art in City Hall Exhibit" during the month of November, 2016. A talented and classically trained artist, she and her husband Alfredo created the public art for our new Aquatic Center. This current exhibit of large paintings will show another side of her work beyond the tile murals that have become the signature icons for that facility.

Pavlina was born and raised in Bulgaria. The main force behind her choice of career was her father, an architect, who noticed her natural talent as a young child and encouraged her to study art. She attended the Fine Art magnet high school in Sofia, the National Academy of Art in Bulgaria and the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts. Through her hard work and dedication, she earned a full-tuition scholarship and numerous awards. Pavlina lives in Miami and works as a full-time professional artist. In addition to completing monumental public art projects in an artist team with her husband, Alfredo Alea, she exhibits at top rated art festivals around the country and often travels abroad in search of inspiration.

Pavlina says, "I have been passionate about drawing as far back as I remember. I saw a curious bit of evidence in my medical records from age 2. The doctor's comment read: "The child's favorite pastime is drawing". There it was!"

Be sure to come see her art work Monday through Friday during the month of November between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:45 p.m.

Officer Jorge Capote of the MSPD Community Policing Office chats with Carlos Mordcovich at the Senior Center during a Crime Watch meeting.



November 8th at 12:15 p.m., Maritza Lopez, MFT, sponsored by Catholic Hospice, Inc., will present helpful information on how falling can be prevented;

"INVESTOR EDUCATION" – JD Candidates from the UM School of Law, who work with the school's Investor Rights Clinic, will conduct a workshop on the basics of investing, the different types of investments and how to avoid common scams and tricks when investing on November 9th 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 November 15th at 12:15 p.m. and provide information on recent, local criminal activities;

"ACUPUNCTURE" – On November 16th at 12:15 p.m., Chen Medical Centers will sponsor a program on acupuncture, a form of alternative medicine and a key component of traditional Chinese medicine involving thin needles being inserted into the body. Information will be presented on how this technique is used and for what symptoms; and

Free BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING - Registered Nurses from the Miami-Dade Health Department will provide free testing for hypertension and individual counseling at the senior center on 11/30 from 10–11:30 a.m.;

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.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

305.805.5170

HAZARDOUS CHEMICAL WASTE DISPOSAL

If you have household or hazardous chemicals to dispose of, please remember that it is illegal to dispose of them in your garbage container or bulk trash pile. The proper method of disposal is a site designated for such items. Fortunately for Miami Springs residents, we are only minutes away from the Miami-Dade County Home Chemical Collection site, which is located at 8831 NW 58 Street. The collection site is open from Wednesday through Sunday from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. For more information, please call 3-1-1.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLAINTS 24-HOUR HOTLINE

The Department of Regulatory & Economic Resources (RER) responds to environmental complaints and emergencies 24 hours a day, seven days a week. If your complaint is an emergency please call 305.372.6955. The following situations should be reported to RER immediately:

1. Discharges or spills into storm drains, street drains, parking lot drains, waterways, or onto the open ground.
2. Tanker trucks dumping waste into manholes, drainage structures, or waterways.
3. Any spill or discharge to the environment of suspected hazardous waste, including sewage.

WELCOME

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

Blue 71 Salon

193 N. Royal Poinciana Blvd.
Beauty Shop

POLICE DEPARTMENT

305.888.9711

DON'T BE A VICTIM!

YOU Are The Person Most Capable Of Preventing Vehicle and Residential Burglaries

Keys to protect you and your property:

• Lock your doors at all times – THIS INCLUDES YOUR VEHICLES!

• Park your car in a well-lit area of your property. Use lighting and landscaping to make your home's surroundings unattractive to burglars, vandals, and other criminals.

• DO NOT leave valuables in your car. If you must, leave them out of sight or locked in the trunk or glove compartment.

• BE AN ALERT NEIGHBOR. If you see a stranger at a neighbor's door, on their property, or if you see a vehicle you don't recognize backed up in a neighbor's driveway or parked



in an alley, don't hesitate to call the police. DO NOT approach the subjects.

Together we can keep Miami Springs a safe community. Criminals look for easy targets. Don't be one.

Contact the Miami Springs Police Department at (305) 888-9711

LOCK IT UP!!

PARKS & RECREATION DEPT.

305.805.5075/76 1401 WESTWARD DRIVE
FOLLOW US ON TWITTER @MIAMISPRINGSREC

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:

Monday – Friday: 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.: 18 & Over \$4

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. 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 or call 305-888-7625

AQUATICS:

Effective November 21st the Aquatic Center will be CLOSING DOWN for Maintenance. The Multiple Purpose will still be available for rentals

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:

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/parksand-recreation/aquatic-facility-rental-information>

SPECIAL EVENTS:

The Annual Spook-tacular Halloween Costume Contest will be held on Friday, October 28th at 7:00 p.m. 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 Veteran's Day Ceremony will be held on Friday, November 11th at 10:00 a.m. at the War Memorial on Curtiss Parkway. All Veteran's 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!

Christmas at the Gazebo will be held Saturday, December 10th. The parade will begin at 5:45 p.m. in front of City Hall and will drop Santa off at the Circle. The fun on the circle will be from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. 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 want to 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 7th.

ALL children 13 & under are REQUIRED to have a BRACELET. Bracelets are \$5 per child. ID Bracelets for Non-Residents will be available at the Community Center beginning on Monday, November 28th 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:

Steven Griffin	Rashad Clark	Lazaro Rodriguez
Terrence Andrews	Ashley Romeo	Omar Luna
Frank Perez	Armando Torre	Daisy Garcia
Mason Kegley	John Mulla	

Recognizing long term employees:

The following employee had their anniversary date in October

Patricia A. Bradley	completed 33 years of service.
Janice Simon	completed 18 years of service.
Leah Q. Cates	completed 15 years of service.
Jorge L. Romeo	completed 13 years of service.
Jorge V. Pacheco	completed 12 years of service.

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

BUILDING & CODE COMPLIANCE DEPT.

305.805.5030

RIGHT OF WAYS!

The Code Compliance and Public Works Departments will continue to monitor and enforce the clearance of all "Right-Of-Ways". What is a Right-Of-Way? It's the areas that are considered public access; sidewalks, swales, street and alleyways. We have had a nice rainy season; the trees and vegetation seem to have grown overnight. It looks like some areas have never been trimmed, and have encroached on alleyways and blocked sidewalks.

This is a friendly reminder to our residents, business owners, fundraiser volunteers, and political candidates, that it is prohibited to place material, such as signs or plants on any right-of way areas adjacent to your property. The trees, grass and bushes need to be cut and kept away from roads, alley ways and sidewalks.

Public works usually informs the property owner and Code Compliance when an area needs to be trimmed. However, when Code Compliance informs the resident it becomes a Civil Infraction in which a fine could be imposed.

Sec. 150-013. Fences, landscaping, and boundary walls

(D) No hedge, screening, shrubbery, or trees growing on private property shall be permitted to obstruct any pedestrian or vehicular public right-of-way.

Sec. 96-18. Alley encroachment prohibited.

Owners of real property adjacent to or abutting City alleys are prohibited from encroaching, blocking or obstructing any City alley. (Ord. No. 877-02, passed 1-14-02)

Sec. 96-19. Prohibited acts.

The growth of any trees, bushes, or other foliage or vegetation into any alley and the place-

ment of any structure, fence, vehicle, personal property, garbage or trash therein so as to encroach, block or obstruct any City alley is strictly prohibited. (Ord. No. 877-02, passed 1-14-02)

Sec. 96-22. City corrective work; costs; billing and lien of property.

In the event it becomes necessary for the City to perform corrective work on any property, the City may elect to perform the required work with City personnel, or hire independent workmen, firms, companies or corporations to perform the required work in accordance with the following:

Sec. 96-07. Maintenance of City parkway and swale areas.

(5) No large railroad ties or concrete pyramid buttons may be located in the City swale areas. However, nonpermanent materials, not exceeding six inches in height, such as small landscape timbers and decorative masonry brick, or natural stone, may be utilized as part of a planting or landscaping plan.

Sec. 114-09. Carrying on business in public places;

obstruction of public ways; placement of vending machines; permit for placement of building materials.

Sec. 150-029. Political and election sign regulations.

(B) Prohibited signs.

(1) No political or election signs may be placed or located on the swales, medians, sidewalks, streets, alleys, bike paths or other public rights-of-way of the City. All signs placed in any of the aforesaid locations may be forthwith removed by authorized City representatives without any advance warning or notice to any person.

NOVEMBER 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6	7 BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT: 7:00 P.M.	8	9 CURBSIDE RECYCLING	10	11 VETERANS DAY! CITY HALL CLOSED!	12
13	14 CITY COUNCIL MEETING: 7:00 P.M.	15 EDUCATION ADVISORY BD.: 7:00 P.M.	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 CURBSIDE RECYCLING	24 THANKSGIVING DAY! CITY HALL CLOSED!	25 DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING DAY! CITY HALL CLOSED!	26
27	28 CITY COUNCIL MEETING: 7:00 P.M. (TENTATIVE)	29	30			