

City of Miami Springs

News Bulletin



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AUGUST 2015

IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS:
MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 2015
BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2015
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2015
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

RECYCLING:
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH

SPOTLIGHT ON ... Being Bus-Wise

For many students, their day begins and ends with a trip on a school bus. The greatest risk for bus riders is not riding the bus, but approaching or leaving the bus. As this new school year begins, we'd like to bring to your attention a "Cliffs Notes" of bus safety pointers:

- When backing out of a driveway or leaving a garage, watch out for children walking or bicycling to school.
- When driving in areas with school zones, watch out for young people who may be thinking about getting to school, but may not be thinking of getting there safely.
- Slow down. Watch for children walking in the street, especially if there are no sidewalks.
- Slow down. Watch for children playing and congregating near bus stops.
- Be alert. Children arriving late for the bus may dart into the street without looking for traffic.
- Yellow flashing lights indicate that the bus is preparing to stop to load or unload children. Motorists should slow down and prepare to stop their vehicles.
- Red flashing lights and extended stop arms indicate that the bus has stopped, and that children are getting on or off. Motorists must stop their cars at least ten feet away from the bus and wait until the red lights stop flashing, the extended stop sign is withdrawn, and the bus begins moving before they can start driving again.
- Make sure all children have reached a safe place before proceeding.

**WELCOME**

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

TWICE AS SWEET

75 N. ROYAL POINCIANA BLVD.
Cupcake shop

WELLS FARGO ADVISORS, LLC

4299 NW 36th STREET
Brokers

WILLIAMS PAVING CO. INC.

4471 NW 35th STREET
Staffing agency – general office

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.

• **"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.

• **TAI CHI for ARTHRITIS** -- Tai Chi exercises, designed to help older individuals with Arthritis, are taught by Judd Zisquit on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:30–1:30 p.m. to seniors who are enrolled in senior center activities. Classes meet at the Miami Springs Community Center and focus on improving joint flexibility, balance, muscular strength, and general fitness and health. Interested 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. The following activities are scheduled for September: weekly Bingo games; the monthly birthday & anniversary party (9/17); a rummage and baked goods sale (9/22); and a shopping trip to Wal-Mart (9/10).

TRANSPORTATION: Daily pick up, utilizing the city's

Art in City Hall

The Curtiss-Bright Company Administrative Offices (1924), formerly located at 10 Curtiss Parkway, painted by Charles "Skip" Wood

The "Art in City Hall" exhibit for the month of September continues a display of historic sites in Miami Springs in recognition of the City of Miami Springs' 89th birthday. The exhibit includes paintings of the Miami Springs Parker Vertical Lift Bridge, Gazebo, Curtiss Mansion, Fair Havens Center, the Lua Curtiss home, and others paintings done by Charles "Skip" Wood (deceased), longtime Miami Springs resident. The exhibit will also include paintings of local areas submitted by members of the Hibiscus Fine Arts Guild and the Miami Springs Historical Society.

Be sure to come see these painting Monday through Friday during the month of September 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.



Area residents enrolled in the City's Senior Center participating in a Tai Chi for Arthritis class taught by Judd Zisquit, an instructor certified by the Tai Chi for Health Institute.

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.

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.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

305.888.9711

Back to School Traffic Safety Tips

With another school year about to begin, the Miami Springs Police Department would like to offer the following tips to help make our school zones safer and improve traffic safety.

With school in session, there will be significantly more traffic. Pedestrians, bicyclists, buses and parents all contribute to school zone congestion. Most schools in Miami Springs and other cities are faced with traffic issues such as double parking, speeding, unsafe U-turns, jaywalking and more.

In addition, children do not always follow the rules of the road. Often times they enter the street from between two cars, and run into traffic, ride their bicycles through red lights, skateboard into traffic and don't cross the road at marked crosswalks.

Motorists should exercise a heightened awareness in and around a school zone. Potential hazards are much easier to perceive when driving at or below the school zone speed limit of 15 mph. Special attention must also be paid to buses displaying flashing red lights when on an undivided two-lane roadway. In these instances, motorists are required by the Florida Law to stop in either direction, and wait until the flashing red lights are turned off before passing the bus.

Parents who allow their children to ride bicycles to school should keep in mind that a helmet is required for those under the age of 16. In addition, children riding bicycles must travel with the flow of traffic. When considering whether to allow your child to ride a bike to school, also think about the effect that a bulky backpack may have on your child's balance while he or she is riding a bike.

Follow these simple suggestions to help make school zones safer for everyone:

- Obey all posted traffic signs and signals.
- Don't speed.
- Don't impede traffic by dropping children off in the middle of the street.
- Don't double park.
- Don't STOP or PARK on a Crosswalk -



this is against the law.

- Don't block intersections or driveways if you park your vehicle.
- Don't make U-turns.
- Obey the Crossing Guards and School Officials, they are there to protect the children.

• Always make sure that your children are wearing seatbelts when transporting them to and from school.

• Miami Springs Municipal Code prohibits parking in the swale areas in front of residences.

In addition, make sure that your child has adequate supervision if he or she arrives home before you do. While this may be difficult for some, any form of organized activity, or the immediate availability of a trusted adult, can provide the necessary guidance to help ensure your child's safety and also give you peace of mind. Miami Springs has several private after school care facilities and a City sponsored program through the Miami Springs Community Center.

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 will begin on Monday, August 4th. The registration fee is \$35.00, unless registered for ASC; cost is \$20.00 per day. SHP is available for: Teachers Work Days, Christmas Holiday & Spring Break from 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

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

Monday & Tuesday: 6:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.: 17 & under Free, 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

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.

ATHLETICS: CO-Ed Youth Basketball Camp:

Registration for the co-ed youth basketball camp will be Monday, August 31st at 6:00pm at the Community Center. The camp will be Monday & Wednesday evenings for children 8 – 15 years old. The camp will run from Monday, September 21st – Wednesday, October 14th. Space is LIMITED! Call the Community Center for more information 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 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

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 9 – 15 years old. The Get Fit Program will be held on Tuesday & Thursday evenings, 6:15 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

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

Registration opens Monday, August 31st 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

SPECIAL EVENTS:

The Annual Spook-tacular Halloween Costume Contest will be held on Friday, October 30th 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

BUILDING & CODE COMPLIANCE DEPT.

305.805.5030

It's back to school time!!

It's that time of the year when the kids go back to school, the local traffic increases, and new residents and visitors will be dropping off the kids at our schools in Miami Springs.

One of the main issues we have in our City is that, when parents are dropping off their children, they park on private swales, block driveways and sidewalks.

In an effort to avoid these incidents we're informing our residents of the Code Section 96-06 granting preferential use to the adjacent property owner. What this means is that only the residents directly in front of the swale have authority to park or allow someone to park on the swale. If unauthorized vehicles become a problem, contact our office and we will make an effort to notify the motorist of the Code.

Another problem we often see is the blocking of sidewalks with vehicles, causing a hazard for children and pedestrians who to go on the street or the swale to walk by.

We will be looking out for these violations and ticketing repeat violators.

Here is a brief section of our City Codes:

Sec. 96-06 Dedicated right-of-way

D) Swale. The portion of a dedicated right-of-way that is unpaved and sodded,

designed for and used primarily for the installation of utility and other City services to be provided to adjacent private properties for ingress and egress, for off-site parking, and for landscaping and beautification purposes, and which is located between the paved street right-of-way and the sidewalk, or the boundary or property line of the private property adjacent thereto, if no sidewalk exists.

Sec. 114-09. Obstruction of Right of Way

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

Safety is and has always been our main concern. If you're having any problems with parking or obstructions of sidewalks, give us a call. Avoid placing blocks, rocks, sticks, or any other deterrents on the swale areas. To get a more information on what is and what is not allowed on the City swales, please take a look at Code Section 96-07.

Thank you again for keeping our City safe and beautiful!



Excavation and foundation preparation are underway for the new Aquatic Center.

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPT. 305.805.5009

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

Happy Birthday and Best Wishes to the following City employees:

Jeanne Malden
Lazaro Garaboa
Tulio Garcia Sr.

Barbara Robinson
David Olivas
Cheryl Mulet

Recognizing long term employees:

The following employee had his anniversary date in August

Thomas D. Kelly completed 28 years of service.

Armando Dominguez completed 22 years of service.

Erik M. Estok, and Antonio R. Pérez completed 12 years of service.

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



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SEPTEMBER 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 CURBSIDE RECYCLING	3	4	5
6	7 LABOR DAY! CITYHALL CLOSED!	8 BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT: 6:00 P.M.	9	10	11	12
13	14 CITY COUNCIL MEETING: 7:00 P.M.	15 EDUCATION ADVISORY BD.: 6:30 P.M.	16 HISTORIC PRES. BD: 6:30 P.M. / CURBSIDE RECYCLING	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 CITY COUNCIL MEETING: 7:00 P.M.	29	30 CURBSIDE RECYCLING			