

City of Miami Springs

News Bulletin



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JANUARY 2017

IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES**City Council Regular Meeting
Monday, February 13, 2017****City Council Regular Meeting
Monday, February 27, 2017****RECYCLING:****Wednesday, February 1****Wednesday, February 15***Art in City Hall***Infinite Knowledge by Kevin Vigil, 4' x 5', mixed media on canvas**

The paintings of Kevin Vigil will be featured for the "Art in City Hall Exhibit" during the month of February, 2017. Born in Germany, Kevin lived and worked in Denver, New Jersey, and New York before coming to Miami, where he has been employed as a tattoo artist at Dharma Tattoo on Curtiss Parkway for the past two years. This current exhibit of large paintings shows another side of his work beyond the body art for which he has become known locally.

Kevin works as a full-time professional artist – if he's not tattooing, he's painting, and has exhibited his work at art walks and in art shows throughout the area, including Art Basel. His artistic development was inspired by graffiti art, and the writings and art of Salvador Dali. Kevin says, "Dali really changed the way that I saw art. I remember him saying, 'What you see is not always what you see.' So I really try to incorporate that in my artwork."

You are invited to a reception in the City Hall lobby to meet Kevin on Monday evening, February 13th from 6:30p.m. to 8:30 p.m. If you cannot attend the reception, be sure to stop by to see his art work Monday through Friday during the month of February between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:45 p.m.

SPOTLIGHT ON ... Free Income Tax Preparation Assistance

FREE TAX COUNSELING and PREPARATION ASSISTANCE for the 2016 tax returns will be offered again this year by AARP Tax-Aide Foundation Counselors to all taxpayers. For over 19 years, these IRS trained and certified counselors have been assisting local residents with their returns and answering questions regarding special federal tax provisions for pensions, credit for the elderly or disabled, intangible taxes, and other important issues.

AARP Tax-Aide Foundation Counselors will be available, by appointment only, every Tuesday afternoon from February 7th through April 11th at the City of Miami Springs Senior Center, located at 343 Payne Drive on Prince Field. Electronic filing will be available on the premises.

If you are in need of this free service, call the Senior Center at 305.805.5160 to schedule your appointment as soon as possible.

The checklist below includes items you need to bring when you visit an AARP Foundation Tax-Aide site for help in preparing your tax return(s):

- Last year's tax return(s)

- Social Security cards or other official documentation for yourself and all your dependents

- Photo I.D. required for all taxpayers.
- Checkbook if you want to direct deposit any refund(s).

- Income

- W-2 from each employer

- Unemployment compensation statements
- SSA-1099 form showing the total Social Security benefits paid to you for the year, or Form RRB-1099, Tier 1 Railroad Retirement benefits

- 1099 forms reporting interest (1099-INT), dividends (1099-DIV), proceeds from sales (1099-B), as well as documentation showing the original purchase price of your sold assets

- 1099-R form if you received a pension, annuity, or IRA distribution

- 1099-Misc forms

- Information about other forms of Income State or local income tax refund

- Payments

- All forms and canceled checks indicating federal and state income tax paid (including quarterly estimated tax payments)

- Deductions

- Most taxpayers have a choice of taking either a standard deduction or itemizing their deductions. If you have a substantial amount of deductions, you may want to

- itemize. You will need to bring the following information:

- 1098 form showing any home mortgage interest

- 1098-T and 1098-E forms (Tuition and Student Loan Interest payments)

- A list of medical/dental expenses (including doctor and hospital bills and medical insurance premiums), prescription medicines, costs of assisted living services, and bills for home improvements such as ramps and railings for people with disabilities

- Summary of contributions to charity
- Receipts or canceled checks for all quarterly or other paid tax

- Property Tax bills and proof of payment

- Health Insurance

- Form 1095A if you purchased through Marketplace (Exchange)

- Any exemption correspondence from the Marketplace (if applicable)

- Credits

- Dependent care provider information (name, employer ID, or Social Security number)

- 1099 forms related to continuing education and related receipts and cancelled checks

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.

Special health support and recreational activities are scheduled in February 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.

In addition to these core service offerings, the following upcoming programs and educational presentations are scheduled:

TAX PREPARATION ASSISTANCE - FREE tax counseling and preparation assistance for 2016 tax returns will be provided by AARP Tax-Aide Counselors again this year. Counselors will be available by appointment only every Tuesday afternoon, beginning February 7th, at the City of Miami Springs Senior Center located at 343 Payne Drive on Prince Field. If you are in need of this free service, call (305) 805-5160 to schedule your appointment as soon as possible.

"NUTRITION FOR A HEALTHY HEART" -- On February 1st at 12:15 p.m., Jacquelyn Gibson, Extension Agent IV, MS, from the

**Senior Center participants with January birthdays celebrated with "preferred seating" and cake! L to R: Jackie Rivera, Elio del Martini, Jaime Fierro, "Eddie" Vazquez, Robert Murphy**

University of Florida's IFAS Extension Bureau will present nutrition information about a heart healthy diet.

"LIVING with LOW VISION" - On February 2nd at 12:15 p.m., Raquel Van Der Biest, Occupational & Low Vision Therapist with Miami Lighthouse for the Blind, will provide an informative workshop on how those with low vision can make adjustments and modifications that will increase their safety and independence.

"SUMMER TIME SAFETY TIPS" - Jacquelyn Gibson, University of Florida IFAS Extension Agent IV, M.S., Family Consumer Sciences, will present food safety information and discuss the importance of staying hydrated in a program scheduled for July 15th at 12:15 p.m.

"SIGNS OF A STROKE" - According to stroke.org, someone suffers a stroke every 40 seconds and it can happen to anyone at any time. Members of the Stroke Awareness Team from MS Senior High School will educate attendees on February 8th, at 12:15 p.m., about a number of symptoms exhibited by those who suffer a stroke. Strokes are considered medical emergencies and identifying the symptoms is imperative, as blood flow becomes restricted and blocked from the brain causing brain cells to be lost every minute a stroke goes untreated.

"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 February 15th 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.

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 February 22nd from 10–11:30 a.m.

Upcoming events also include: a field trip to Wal-Mart (2/9); weekly Bingo games (2/6, 2/13, 2/20 and 2/27); and the monthly birthday and anniversary party (2/16).

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

WELCOME

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

SAY FITNESS STUDIO

206 Westward Drive, 2nd Fl.

Exercise Studios

POOL IS OPEN!

Maintenance has been completed and the Miami Springs Aquatic Center is now open on its regular winter schedule.

(See next page)

POLICE DEPARTMENT

305.888.9711

How Long Should I Hold On To My Old Bills & Other Documents?

New Year's is behind us and tax season is here. As you gather all the necessary documents for your taxes, why not take the extra steps to get your files organized? Look at it as a late New Year's resolution!

Thank goodness for electronic billing, bill-pay and account access. The digital world can help you save time, be more organized and cut down significantly on paper... Significantly — but not completely.

No matter how much of your financial life you have online, you still need to save some paper documents. (Okay, maybe you don't need the actual paper if you scan it all in and back up what you need to save.)

To hold for a year or less (with some exceptions):

Monthly utility/cable/phone bills: Once you know the bill is correct, toss it.

Credit card statements: If you know all the charges are correct, you probably don't need to keep this. But if you make a big purchase and your lender offers some product protections, consider holding onto that month's bill. Also, if there's a deductible purchase on the statement, hold that for your tax return.

Medical bills: Once you know your claim has been paid by your health insurance company, you probably don't need to save these. But if you're potentially deducting medical expenses on your tax return, hang on to the bills.

Monthly/quarterly account statements: Hold on to statements from your investment and retirement accounts until you receive the year-end one, which summarizes the previous 12 months.

Bank statements: Once you know your monthly statement is correct, you can toss the statement at the end of the year. But if you've used a check to pay for a large or deductible purchase, hold on to it.

Pay stubs: If you still actually get these, you can toss them after you reconcile them with your W-2 at the end of the year. But if you're planning to apply for a mortgage, your lender may want to see a few month's worth.

To hold for longer

Tax Returns: Hold the returns and supporting documents for at least seven years. The IRS can randomly audit you three years after you file — or six years afterward if it thinks you skipped out on reporting your income by at least 25%.

Year-end account statements: These will show the cost basis for your investments, so you want to hold on to them for as long as you have the investment. (And then a bit longer to support your tax return.)

Retirement plan statements: Hold on to your annual statements as long as you have assets in the accounts. This will help ensure your eventual withdrawals are taxed the right way. Be sure to save Form 8606 — the document that shows if your contributions were deductible or nondeductible.

Home-related documents: Keep your purchase documents, and also all home improvement records, which can be used to calculate your cost basis when you sell your home, potentially saving you a bundle in taxes. If you've done work that needed a permit or town inspection, hold on to these, too, for as long as you own your home.

Insurance Policies: Hold onto to your policies for home/renters insurance, car insurance and umbrella insurance for the year. Keep your life, disability or long-term care policies as long as they're in force.

To hold indefinitely

Loan paperwork: As long as you're still paying a loan (car, mortgage, student loan — the works), keep all your docs and contracts. When you pay off the loan, the lender will give you a payoff statement. Keep this forever, just in case some zombie debt comes back to haunt you.

The important stuff: While you can replace the following documents, it will be a major headache. Invest in a firebox or a safety-deposit box for:

- Birth certificates
- Adoption records
- Death certificates
- Marriage and divorce papers
- Military records
- Wills, powers of attorney and health care proxies
- Social Security cards
- Passports
- Appraisals for jewelry, art or other valuable property (unless you sell the item)
- A video of your home's contents to help with insurance claims in the event of a home fire. Update this once a year.

A few thoughts on e-documents

If you prefer digital to paper, you can download account statements and keep the electronic versions, but make sure they have a place to live that's beyond your hard drive.

Why? If your computer ever gives you the dreaded blue screen of death, you need to be sure you still have access to your documents.

Invest in an external hard drive that you back up regularly.

Shred any papers that you don't keep. It may take a little while to go through all your documents, but it's worth it.

between 5 years olds — 13 years olds will be held Tuesday evening, April 3rd at the Miami Springs Community Center from 6:00pm — 9:00pm

CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS RESIDENTS ONLY, PROOF OF RESIDENCY REQUIRED.

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

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

ATHLETICS

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:

THE POOL IS OPEN & HEATED!!!

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/parksandrecreation/aquatic-facility-rental-information>

SUMMER CAMP

Summer Camp Employee Interest forms will be available at the Miami Springs Community Center from March 6th – March 15th. All interest forms must be completed and returned NO LATER than 6pm on March 15th.

Summer Camp 2017 registration for children

BUILDING & CODE COMPLIANCE DEPT.

305.805.5030

TRASH!

Our Code Compliance and Public Works personnel are seeing an excessive amount of trash and non-combustible material being placed out on the swales and being left there for an extended amount of time. We must work together to keep our City looking clean and beautiful. As a reminder to residents and business owners:

- Garbage is to be placed in the containers, not on the ground.
- Bulk trash is to be placed in your designated area.
- Loose fly away trash shall be bagged.
- Tree limbs should be cut to pieces no longer than three (3) feet.

- Non-combustible material such as: concrete, appliances, tiles, metal, tires or other construction materials are to be disposed by the property owner at designated sites by Miami Dade Waste Management.

- Recycle containers are to be brought in within 24 hours after pick up day.

- Multi-Family buildings, commercial buildings and residential properties without alleys are to place their trash out on their designated swale area only within 24 hours prior to pick up.

- If an oversize amount of trash is to be placed on the swale area, contact Public Works for a special pick up.
- Report illegal dumping to the Police Dept.

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPT. 305.805.5009

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:

Happy Birthday and Best Wishes to the following City employees:

Michael Garcia	Miguel Gonzales	William Alonso
Bill Collins	Daniel Valdes	Justin Borsten
Luis Neto	Eliezer Lopez	Brian Nickerson



Recognizing long term employees:

The following employee had their anniversary date in January

Armando Torre completed 29 years of service..

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

FEBRUARY 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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12	13 CITY COUNCIL MEETING: 7:00 P.M.	14	15 CURBSIDE RECYCLING	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 CITY COUNCIL MEETING: 7:00 P.M.	28				



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Rotary Foundation's 9th Annual

TEXAS HOLD'EM POKER TOURNAMENT



JANUARY 28, 2017

Registration 2 p.m. • First deal at 3 p.m.

Tournament Limited to the first 100 players to sign up.



GRAND PRIZE:

Seat at a World Series of Poker event in Las Vegas in May, plus airfare and hotel stay. (\$2,500 value)

\$100 CASH BOUNTY*

for knocking the Miami Springs mayor out of the tournament

* Additional bounties on Gazette Publisher Tom Curtis, and "Uncle Sam" Ben Badger



Miami Springs Mayor Xavier Garcia

**PRIZES FOR EVERYONE
WHO MAKES THE
FINAL TABLE**

TEST YOUR SKILLS ON THIS "NO FOOTBALL" SATURDAY!

\$100 Entry Fee • Full Dinner Buffet • Consolation Tournament • Cash Bar

Location: Miami Springs Lions Club at 301 Swallow Drive, Miami Springs

Early Registration Encouraged:

Call Event Coordinator Sydney Garton at 305-887-6698, Margie Palmer at 305-332-1512 or Tom Curtis at 786-262-4616 to reserve your seat.

Send Checks to: Rotary Foundation, P.O. Box 111635, Hialeah, FL 33011