

City of Miami Springs

News Bulletin



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JUNE 2015

IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS:

THERE ARE NO COUNCIL MEETINGS IN JULY

FRIDAY, JULY 3, 2015

DAY BEFORE INDEPENDENCE DAY
CITY HALL CLOSED

RECYCLING:

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8TH
WEDNESDAY, JULY 22ND

SPOTLIGHT ON ... Recreation

With summer underway and fall quickly approaching, many parents are looking for well-organized and safe recreational activities for their children. If you're interested in any of the following activities, which are City-sponsored, please call the Recreation Department at 305.805.5075 for more information:

- **Get Fit Summer Camp:** Registration is ongoing and the next session will begin on Monday, July 6th

- **Fall Youth Basketball Camp:** Registration will be in August for kids ages between 8 -15 years old

- **After School Care Registration** will begin on Monday, August 10th at the Miami Springs Community Center

- **School Holiday Care Registration** will begin on Monday, August 10th at the Miami Springs Community Center

- **The Get Fit Program** will run year round for kids ages between 9 -17 years olds



- **Youth Basketball Registration** will begin in October

If you're interested in any of the following activities, which are not sponsored by the Recreation Department, please call or e-mail the following listed contact persons for more information:

- **Miami Springs Optimist Football & Cheerleading:**

Damian Sosa 786.201.5274
E-mail: dsosa@adpathlete.com

- **Pelican Playhouse – Puppets and Pantomime and Actors Workshop**

Ralph Wakefield 305.884.6804
E-mail: captainwake@bellsouth.net
www.pelicanplayhouse.org

- **MS/VG Soccer:**

Louie Cimino 305.978.4720
Gio DeLaRosa 561.945.7080
E-mail: info@msvgsoccer.com
www.msvgsoccer.com

- **Match Point Tennis**

Manny Fabian 305.805.5093
E-mail: matchpointfabian@gmail.com

- **Miami Springs Area Little League:**

Otto Camejo 305.494.4863
E-mail: springsbaseball@hotmail.com

- **Jazzercise:** Brenda Knight or Tatiana Knight 305.888.7625

E-mail: Tatic2000@hotmail.com

2015 Emergency Preparedness Guides have been mailed to each home and business in Miami Springs. Spanish translations of this Guide will be available at City Hall, the Senior Center and the Community Policing Office, and online at <http://www.miamisprings-fl.gov/community/2015-emergency-preparedness-guide-engspa>

COPIAS DE GUÍA DE PREPARACIÓN PARA EMERGENCIAS DE HURACANES Y OTRAS CATÁSTROFES ESTÁRA DISPONIBLES EN ESPAÑOL EN: CITY HALL, SENIOR CENTER Y COMMUNITY POLICING OFFICE

ELDERLY SERVICES DEPT.

305.805.5160
SENIOR CENTER, • 343 PAYNE DRIVE

SENIOR CENTER NEWS

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; the Miami Springs Adult & Community School; 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 currently offered 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 9:30--11:00 a.m. at the Curtiss Mansion. A warm-up session using light weights is held from 9:00--9:30 a.m.

"CELEBRATION WORKOUT" classes, designed to work on memory and physical fitness, are held every Friday morning from 9:30--11:00 a.m. at the City's Senior Center. Classes are instructed by Natasha Salmon-Cogno and are free to those who are age 60 and over.

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 Optimist Club 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 July: weekly Bingo games; a patriotic sing-along accompanied by Betty Rice on the piano (7/2); participation in the Independence Day Parade by the center's King and Queen (7/4); the monthly birthday & anniversary party (7/16); a rummage sale (7/21); and a shopping trip to Wal-Mart (7/23).

TRANSPORTATION: Daily pick up, utilizing the city's mini-



The Senior Center received a visit from personnel at the Leon Medical Center who spoke about nutrition and gave out stress balls. Back row (l to r): Monica Capera and Stephanie Soltero, RN, from Leon Medical Center, Front row (l to r): Graciela Forte and Maura Rodriguez, participants of the Senior Center

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

HEALTH SUPPORT & EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS: Educational presentations are scheduled each month through the sponsorship of numerous individuals, community service organizations and businesses. Currently, the following topics are scheduled for July:

"LIVING with LOW VISION" -- On July 7th 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.

"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 July 22nd at 12:15 p.m. and provide information on recent local criminal activity.

"COUNCIL REPORT" -- Councilwoman Roslyn Buckner will present information on current Council actions and other topics of interest to the citizenry on July 28th at 12:15 p.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.

Art in City Hall



"Raccoon Peek a-Boo", DeVerne Miller, acrylic on canvas board

The City of Miami Springs "Art in City Hall" exhibit showcasing the most recent paintings of members of the Hibiscus Fine Arts Guild, will continue through the end of July. You will be able to view the work by these local artists between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:45 p.m.

The Hibiscus Art Guild was organized over 40 years ago to foster art appreciation in our community. The Guild brings artists together to share techniques and to promote artistic creation. All artists are welcome, and they encourage interested local residents to join the. For information, please call 305.887.3042 or 305.888.8133.

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.

POLICE DEPARTMENT
305.888.9711

How To Avoid The Internet's Hottest Scam:

Fake Vacation Rentals

Vacation planning often begins with excitement, optimism and nowadays the Internet. The online search leads far into a world of glossy photos, descriptive blurbs and, of course, countless promises of customer satisfaction. Even if you're not inclined to rent a stranger's house, you may find that for the most popular destinations, traditional hotels are booked or inadequate. So renting a vacation home is a natural alternative.

So how do you protect yourself? Here's a list of 10 ways to combat this scam:

1. Don't be fooled by photography. In particular, be wary of the nicest-looking, most Photoshopped property photos. Ask the owner for additional photos — an honest lessor will always have them. Or ask your agent to use technology like FaceTime or Skype to show you the property live. At the very least, use Google Earth and Google's Street View feature to confirm that the property you're renting actually exists at the address advertised. You can also use those Google tools to get an unvarnished look at the property's exterior.

2. Be careful of the cheapest properties. If prices seem too good to be true, they probably are. If you don't have a feel for what a reasonable price is in an area, get one. Scammers often go after people who aren't that savvy. And drive a hard bargain — not just to get a better deal, but also to detect odd behavior from the other party.

3. Never pay with cash. The preferred methods of payment among criminals are cash and cash-transfer services like MoneyGram and Western Union. Use a credit card instead — Visa, MasterCard and American Express will all allow you to recover money you lose to fraud. Reputable sites like Airbnb will hold your security funds in escrow. They play middleman, making sure you've put the funds in place before you get keys. (Some

portals offer insurance against fraud — but it's expensive and may not cover much; read the policy closely.)

4. Use a trusted local agent. Yes, you should expect to pay them. But they can show you bona fide listings or go look at the properties that you've seen on the Internet for you. Be sure to check their license.

5. Confirm legitimacy. For ownership and all documents, confirm that the owner's name on the lease is the same as the one shown on public property appraiser records. Then have a lawyer review the lease, just like you would a full-year agreement.

6. Read the comments. The feedback from previous renters that appears on sites like Airbnb and VRBO is invaluable. And in some cases, you're even allowed to pose questions to other users.

7. Trust your instincts. If you apply some skepticism to the process, you're more likely to see red flags. You're also more likely to catch suspicious behavior. Don't be so excited about your trip, that you fail to pick up on the weird tics and the tell tale signs.

8. Take your time. No need to rush. For long vacations, consider going ahead of time to check out the property, or not renting a house for the first week — stay at a hotel for a few nights. It will give you an opportunity to see the property you're renting in person before turning over your security deposit.

9. Be a regular. If you rent a home you like, stick with it. You'll develop a relationship with the owner if you go back to the same place year in, year out — and avoid the risk of being scammed on a new property. If you're traveling to a new place, try to find a friend who lives there and will give you honest feedback on potential rentals, good neighborhoods, etc.

10. Beware groupthink. If you're vacationing with a half-dozen other people, everybody tends to figure that somebody else is paying attention to the details and making sure the group isn't getting ripped off. Then, when the amazing six-bedroom place you all rented together is nowhere to be found and your security deposit evaporates, everybody's pointing fingers.

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

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

After School Care registration will begin on Monday, August 4th. The registration fee is \$35.00; the cost is \$8.00 per day or \$35 per week. This includes bus transportation from Miami Springs Elementary, Springview Elementary, AIE Charter School & Miami Springs Middle. After school care is available until 6:00 p.m. Limited space is available.

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 7:00am — 6:00pm

GYMNASIUM:

Open Gym Basketball Hours:

Effective Monday, June 8th — Friday, August 21st The courts will not open until 6pm due to Summer Camp

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.

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)



Get Fit Campers working out in the gym.

Family of 2: \$188.00
Family of 3: \$263.00
Additional family members \$75.00*
*Immediate Family Members ONLY

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

Get Fit Summer Camp 2015!

JOIN A MONTH LONG FITNESS 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!

Get Fit Camp is for ALL KIDS of ALL FITNESS BACKGROUNDS between the ages of 9-11 years old and 12-17 years old

LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE: Only 30 KIDS PER SESSION

There will be TWO Four-Week Sessions

Session 2: Weeks of July 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th

Activity Fee: \$100 PER SESSION

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
305.805.5170

A Notice from the Miami Springs Public Works Department

Summer time has come and all new vegetation in the alleys has started to grow. Public Works crews will be starting random trimming to clear overgrown vegetation that is obstructing services.



HUMAN RESOURCES DEPT. 305.805.5009

JULY BIRTHDAYS:

Happy Birthday and Best Wishes to the following City employees:

Ulises Fernandez	Julio Ferreira	Matthew Castillo &
Harry Mayer	Christopher Dweck	Robert Castillo
Albert Vargas	Ernest Paul O'Dell	Justin Robbins
Moira Ramos	Jorge Capote	

Recognizing long term employees:

The following employee had his anniversary date in May

Gary M. Fetters	completed 17 years of service.
Lazaro M. Garaboa and Thomas W. Nash	completed 15 years of service.
David Olivas	completed 14 years of service.
Cheryl R. Mulet	completed 13 years of service.

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

BUILDING & CODE COMPLIANCE DEPT.
305.805.5030

PLAYING WITH SAFETY

Seeing children playing outside enjoying the outdoors, playing basketball in the streets, is one of the joys of summer. However this joy can become a safety hazard for drivers and City vehicles. Placing basketball hoops too close to the edge of the street creates an obstruction of right of way. There is also danger if they fall on vehicles or on the road, as they can be hit by large trucks, delivery vehicles or emergency vehicles.

Even though property owners have preferential use of their adjacent swale area, it is still dedicated City property. Let's take a look at the definition of a swale:

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.

Safety is our main concern for this ordinance and we should all avoid causing obstruction of view or right of way damage to vehicles pulling over, pedestrian tripping, or any other hazardous conditions. Please remember this before you place, install or build on a City swale. The hoop should always be over the swale area not over the street. It should be weighed down so that it doesn't fall onto vehicles or into the street, and during hurricane or strong wind warnings, it should be removed from the swale area and placed on the property. For more details on what is allowed on the swale area please see Code Section 96-07. Thank you again for keeping our City Beautiful and Safe.



Unsafe Basketball Hoop Location



Safe Basketball Hoop Location

JULY 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS	CITY CLERKS OFFICE		1	2	3 DAY BEFORE INDEPENDENCE DAY. CITY HALL CLOSED!	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY.
5	6	7	8 Curbside Recycling	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Curbside Recycling	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	