

City of Miami Springs

News Bulletin



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FEBRUARY 2015

IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES

MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2015, 7:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2015, 7:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

RECYCLING:
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4TH
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18TH



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

FT Estates, LLC

901 S. Royal Poinciana Blvd., 3rd floor hotel management company

Las Martinas

409 Minola Drive assisted living facility

Mi Enso

305 N. Royal Poinciana Blvd yoga studio

Rivera Tax Expert

4451 NW 36 Street, tax preparation expert

SEM Tour & Transportation

5245 NW 36 Street transportation service for tourists

SPOTLIGHT ON ... Frequently Asked Questions

We have compiled a list by subject of the most frequently asked questions that we are asked by our residents. Take a look – maybe you’ve always wondered about one of these items, too!

Community Center

Q: Are the basketball courts open today, and what time?

A: This varies by season. For the current schedule go to <http://www.miamisprings-fl.gov/parksandrecreation/hours-operation>.

Open Gym hours during the school year usually are: Monday – Friday: 12: p.m. – 3 p.m.: Open Gym, 18 & over \$4. 3: pm – 5:30 p.m.: Open Gym, 17 & under ONLY, Free

Monday – Thursday: 6:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.: Open Gym, 17 & under Free, 18 & over \$4

Driver’s License

Q: I need to re-new my driver’s license (or obtain an ID card), when are they coming? My license renewal card says I need a vision exam, what do I do? What do I need? How do I pay?

A: 1. The Department of Motor Vehicles is here in the Springs every third Wednesday of the month from 9:30am to 2:30pm. Check this web site’s Community Events Calendar for the location.

2. The driver’s license personnel will conduct the vision exam.

3. For a complete list of additional accepted items, visit: www.GatherGoGet.com.

4. Payments may be made by credit/debit cards, cash, money orders, and personal checks.

Garage Sales

Q: How can I list my garage sale?

A: Bring a filled-out permit to the Building Department. You may have three per year, and the form is located at <http://www.miamisprings-fl.gov/sites/default/files/fileattachments/GARAGE%20SALE%20PERMIT-pdf.pdf>

You may also fax the completed form to 305.805.5036. For questions, call 305.805.5030.

Home Ownership

Q. I’ve just bought a house in Miami

Springs. How do I update the City’s records as a new property owner?

A: Bring a copy of your settlement papers and an ID to the Information Window in City Hall.

Permits

Q: What things do I need a permit for, how much will it cost and how long will it take to get one?

A: 1. See the list posted at <http://www.miamisprings-fl.gov/building/when-do-i-need-permit>

2. Permit fees vary greatly depending on the scope of work. Rates are posted at <http://www.miamisprings-fl.gov/building/building-permit-fee-schedule>

3. About 3-5 days, depending on how complex the permit is

Planning and Zoning

Q: What is the maximum height for a fence for a single family house?

A: 42” (3 ½ feet) in the front yard, six feet in the side and rear yards

Public Transportation

Q: Where can I get a copy of the intra-city shuttle schedule and map?

A: Click on the bus photo on the home page: www.miamisprings-fl.gov

Public Works

Q: Who do I call about a street light that’s out, or any power issues?

A: Contact FPL:

1. Residential Care Center at 1.800.226.3534 talk to a live representative

2. 1-800-4-outage (1.800.468.8243) or

3. www.fpl.com - access your account & submit a SL ticket

Q: Who do I call about bee problems on my property?

A: A bee removal company of your choice; the City does not provide this service.

Q: When is curbside recycling?

A: Every other Wednesday - the pick-up schedule is at www.miamidade.gov/public-works

Red Light Ticket

Q: Where can I pay my red light ticket?

A: This information is on the back of your citation letter. Payment for these is not accepted at City Hall.

Water and Sewer

Q: Who do I call about water or sewer issues?

A: Miami-Dade Water and Sewer at 311 or 305.274.9272

Q: What’s this surcharge on my water bill?

A: It’s a recovery of costs to bring Miami Springs water and sewer systems up to the condition of the rest of Miami-Dade County’s system.

Q: When can I water my lawn?

A: ODD-number address: Wednesday & Saturday – 12 a.m. to 10 a.m. and/or 4 p.m. to 11:59 p.m.

EVEN-number address, no street number, systems that irrigate both odd and even address within the same zones, including multi-family units, homeowners associations and commercial complexes/retail shopping centers:

- Thursday & Sunday - 12 a.m. - 10 a.m. and/or 4 p.m. to 11:59 p.m.

- Watering is not allowed between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

- Hand-watering with one hose fitted with an automatic shut-off nozzle is allowed for 10 minutes per day for landscape stress relief and to prevent plant die-off.

- Restrictions apply to all users of municipal and county water utilities and wells.

Q: What about watering a garden or new landscaping?

A: New landscaping can be watered during the corresponding hours listed above every day except Friday for the first 90 days it’s installed. Save the receipt with the date of purchase.

Q: Does this apply to washing my car?

A: Water restrictions don’t apply to car and boat washing, pressure cleaning, decorative fountains and swimming pools.

Art in City Hall



Come see oil paintings by Jim Bushell.

Miami Springs resident Jim Bushell will be the featured artist for the “Art in City Hall Exhibit” during the month of March, 2015. Jim realized his talent at a young age, but after graduating from high school, did not pick up a paint brush for 40 years. Now that he has recently retired, he is making up for lost time and is using his skill with oil paints to touch souls, brighten smiles and lift up viewers’ spirits. Jim says, “To me, this is what the arts are all about: evoking a response.” He is excited to share his work with our community.

You are invited to come see his paintings during the month of March 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.

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. 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 CLASSES: Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. at the City’s Senior Center.

“LET’S DANCE” EXERCISE CLASSES: Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:30 -11:00 a.m. at the Senior Center facility.

FLOOR YOGA CLASSES: 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.

TAI CHI CLASSES: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:30 -1:30 p.m. at the City’s Community Center.

RECREATION:

DRUMMING CLASS: Mondays from 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. at the Senior Center.

ART CLASS: Wednesdays from 12:15 - 1:45 p.m. at the Senior Center (starting date to be announced).

Other recreational and social events are planned each month at the senior center. The following activities are scheduled for March: the monthly birthday & anniversary party (3/19); a shopping trip to Wal-Mart (3/27); and a trip to Fairchild Tropical Gardens (3/6).

TRANSPORTATION: Daily pick up, utilizing the city’s mini-bus, is



Community Policing Officers Simon and Capote visit the seniors every month to do a Crime Watch presentation.

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: The following topics are scheduled for March:

“COUNCIL REPORT” – Councilman Windrem will present information on current topics on March 4th at 12:15 p.m.;

“NUTRITION and HEART DISEASE WORKSHOP” – On March 11th at 12:15 p.m., Jacquelyn Gibson, MS, Family and Consumer Science Agent with UF/M-D Extension Bureau, will teach participants about how sodium and dietary fat affects your heart.

“MEET THE CANDIDATES” -- The Miami Springs/Virginia Gardens Senior Citizens’ Club will provide an opportunity to meet the Candidates for the City of Miami Springs Council over two days in March. Candidates for City Council Groups I and II will present campaign platforms on Friday, March 13th from 12:15-1:00 p.m. Candidates for Mayor and Groups III and IV will address senior center attendees on Friday, March 20th, from 12:15 - 1:00 p.m. Each candidate will make a three minute presentation, answer questions prepared by the club, and give a two minute summation.

“CRIME WATCH” PROGRAM – Officers Jorge Capote and Janice Simon from the MSPD’s Community Policing Office will conduct the monthly Crime Watch Meeting on March 17th at 12:15 p.m.

“DIABETES” -- Leon Medical Center will present this topic on March 18th at 12:15 p.m.

“ELDER ABUSE” – Information on how to recognize and anonymously report elder abuse will be presented by CAC Florida Medical Centers on March 25th 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.

POLICE DEPARTMENT
305.888.9711

Kids and Cars

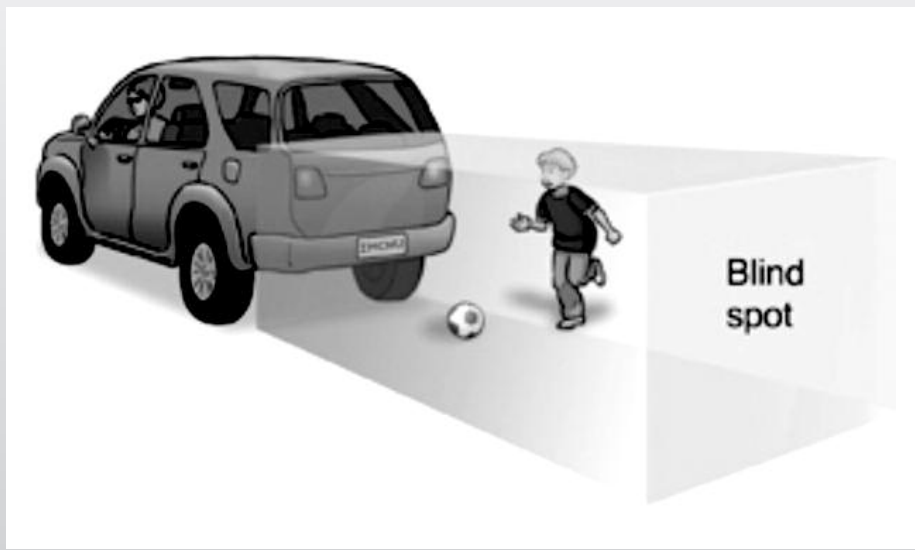
With the beautiful weather that we have in Florida, it just seems that kids and outside activities go hand in hand. The Miami Springs Police Department would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents and/or caretakers to pay extra attention when kids and cars are in the same areas. We have comprised a list of recommendations to help in keeping the children safe.

Recommendations:

- Walk around and behind a vehicle prior to moving it.
- Know where your kids are. Make children move away from your vehicle to a place where they are in full view before moving the car and know that another adult is properly supervising children before moving your vehicle.
- Teach children that "parked" vehicles might move. Let them know that they can see the vehicle; but the driver might not be able to see them.
- Consider installing cross view mirrors, audible collision detectors, rear view video camera and/or some type of back up detection device.
- Measure the size of your blind zone (area) behind the vehicle(s) you drive. A 5-

foot-1-inch driver in a pickup truck can have a rear blind zone of approximately 8 feet wide by 50 feet long.

- Be aware that steep inclines and large SUV's, vans and trucks add to the difficulty of seeing behind a vehicle.
- Hold children's hand when leaving the vehicle.
- Teach your children to never play in, around or behind a vehicle.
- Keep toys and other sports equipment off the driveway.
- Homeowners should trim landscaping around the driveway to ensure they can see the sidewalk, street and pedestrians clearly when backing out of their driveway. Pedestrians also need to be able to see a vehicle pulling out of the driveway.
- Never leave children alone in or around cars; not even for a minute.
- Keep vehicles locked at all times; even in the garage or driveway.
- Keys and/or remote openers should never be left within reach of children.
- Make sure all child passengers have left the car after it is parked and always set the emergency brake.
- Be especially careful about keeping children safe in and around cars during busy times, schedule changes and periods of crisis or holidays.



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
305.805.5170

The Public Works Department would like to update everyone about the extensive milling, paving, curb and sidewalk work taking place in the Circle over the next few months. The new curbing is now complete, sidewalk work is beginning now and then the first week of March the milling and paving will start, for a more "Beautiful Miami Springs".



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

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

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

YOGA: YOGA is held Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7:15pm- 8:15pm and Saturday mornings at 8:45 a.m. The cost is \$95.00 for an 8 week session. The next registration will be held in March. For more information please call the Community Center.

We are now offering a Saturday drop in YOGA class. The cost per class is \$5.00 and starts at 8:45 a.m.

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 and there will be one field trip on a Saturday per session.

The cost is \$50 per participant and SPACE is LIMITED. Registration is ongoing at the Community Center.

AQUATICS: *The POOL is HEATED*

Pool Hours: Monday – Friday: 3:00p.m.-



The 13-15 year-old All Star Team taking a minute to pose with their coaches Rochet Novoa (L), Albert Vargas & Julian Reyes(R)

8:00p.m. Saturdays: 10:30a.m.-5:00p.m. Sundays: 10:30a.m – 5p.m.

Swimming Lessons: Please call the Pool for more information at 305-805-5078

Water Aerobics: Monday and Wednesday Evenings: 6:30p.m – 7:30p.m.

Cost: \$40.00 for 8 classes, per participant

Pool Memberships are NOW AVAILABLE:

- Adults: 18 & over \$80.00
- Child: 17 & under \$40.00
- Senior: 60 & over \$40.00

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 Easter Egg Hunt & Festivities will be held on Saturday, April 4th Time: 10:00a.m. Location: Prince Field

No child will be admitted without an ID bracelet. ID bracelets will be available beginning Monday, March 16th at the Community Center. Miami Springs & Virginia Gardens Residents, 6 – 13: FREE

Proof of Residency Required Non-resident bracelets will be available on Wednesday, April 1st, \$5.00 for all ages

Summer Camp Employee Interest forms will be available at the Miami Springs Community Center from March 16th – March 31st. All interest forms must be completed and returned NO LATER than 6pm on March 31st.

Summer Camp 2015 registration for children between 5years olds – 13 years olds will be held Wednesday evening, March 31st 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

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPT. 305.805.5009

MARCH BIRTHDAYS:

Happy Birthday and Best Wishes to the following City employees:

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| Michael Bain | Christian Llubes | Florentino Vasallo |
| Leah Cates | Tomas Lopez | Graciela Vázquez |
| David Espinosa | Marilyn Newton | Carolina Villaverde |
| Armando Guzman | Edwin Reed | |
| Thomas Kelly | Awilda Rivera | |

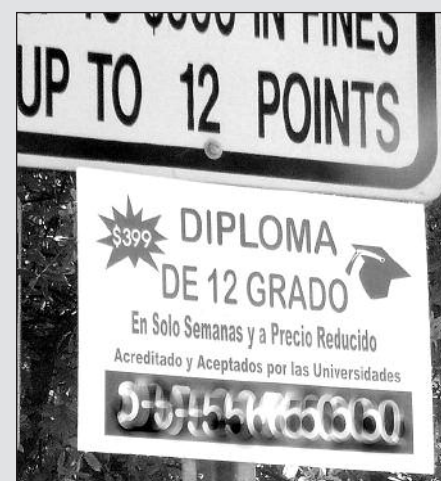
Recognizing long term employees:

The following employees had their anniversary date in February

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| Jose Bergueiro | completed 10 years of service. |
| Tom Cummings | completed 29 years of service. |
| Harry Mayer and Charles Schubert | completed 26 years of service. |

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

IT'S ILLEGAL ...



Any temporary sign on public property is illegal. If residents spot anyone placing illegal signage around town (see examples) please call MSPD at 305.888.9711.

MARCH 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT: 6:30 P.M.	3	4 CURBSIDE RECYCLING	5	6	7
8	9 CITY COUNCIL MEETING: 7:00 P.M.	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 CURBSIDE RECYCLING	19	20	21
22	23 CITY COUNCIL MEETING: 7:00 P.M.	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				