

City of Miami Springs

News Bulletin



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APRIL 2016

IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING: MONDAY, MAY 9, 2016

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING: MONDAY, MAY 23, 2016

RECYCLING:

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11TH WEDNESDAY, MAY 25TH

CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, MAY 30TH IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY.

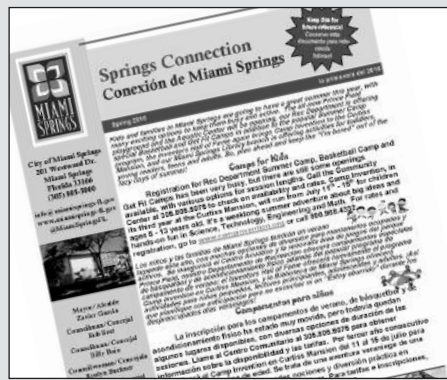
SPOTLIGHT ON ... What's Happening in Miami Springs

Be "in the know" about what's going on in City Hall and around town with your tax dollars! Mayor Garcia, City Council members and City Administration communicate frequently and in a variety of ways in both Spanish and English to keep community members informed with accurate and current news.

• Read the quarterly Springs Connection newsletter that is mailed to every residential and business address in the City. You'll find the latest scoop on major projects as well as general information about our City, its operations and initiatives.

• Another great mailing that comes right to your mailbox: the Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR). Learn how your City manages your money. The PAFR is a readable summary of the financial activities of the City's governmental funds as stated in the (much longer) audited Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

• If you're looking at this list, you've discovered the monthly "big issue" Gazette's News-Bulletin. These pages are the best place to check for Recreation and Senior Center schedules, Code Compliance informa-



tion, advisory board and Council meeting dates, etc.

• "Follow" what's happening on Twitter: @MiamiSpringsFL for breaking city news and timely reminders, @MiamiSpringsPD for daily crime reports, public safety information and bulletins, and @MiamiSpringsRec for Parks and Rec activities and opportunities

• www.miamisprings-fl.gov (The City's official web site. Don't be fooled by imitations!) Here you will find Council agendas, minutes and webcasts, various financial and budget reports, contact information, notices, job postings, public safety announcements from the Police Department, BOLOs, links to Florida's sexual offenders list, links to Florida State Statutes, the Miami Springs Code of Ordinances, links to all City depart-

ments and much more, as well as the online official City and Community Events Calendar.

• Can't attend a Council meeting in person? You can watch a real-time webcast at www.miamisprings-fl.gov/webcast. All meetings are archived there and available for later review as well.

• The community message board "on the Circle" is updated frequently to remind downtown drivers what events are happening in town during the next few days.

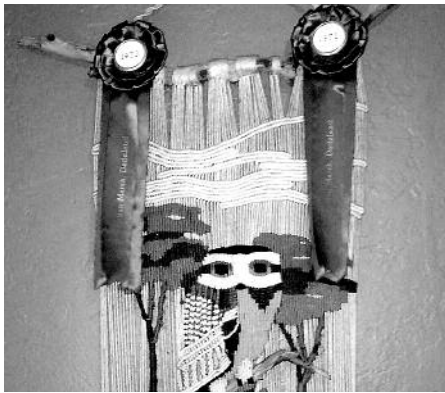
• Special fact sheets on "hot button" topics are produced and published on an as-needed basis.

• Brochures and flyers on many useful topics and different activities such as the Senior Center monthly calendar, driver license renewals, library programs, County services, etc. are available on tables and in a brochure rack near the Information window in City Hall lobby.

• Have trouble locating specific information? Call City Hall at 305.805.5000 and your inquiry will be routed to the appropriate department for a speedy reply.

• If you have a safety, Crime Watch, traffic, security or other question and would like to speak to a police officer on an informal, personal level, drop by the Community Policing Office at 274 Westward Drive between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. or call them at 305.888.5286.

Art in City Hall



Macramé wall hanging by Mary Ann Taylor

Longtime Miami Springs resident Mary Ann Goodlett Taylor will be the featured artist for the "Art in City Hall Exhibit" during the month of May, 2016.

Mary Ann was born in Hialeah in 1929 to Hiram and Helen and moved to Miami Springs with her family in 1931. Her father, Hiram Owen Goodlett, was the gardener and chauffeur for Mr. Glenn Curtiss. She married Francis Shirley Taylor in 1949, and they bought a house on Ludlam Drive where they raised four children and she continues to live today.

Mary Ann has always been an avid artist and historian. She began making memory books for the entire city of Miami Springs in the 1960s, and served on the Historic Preservation Board for decades. She also discovered that she loved macramé. In addition to creating intricate macramé knotted fiber pieces, she is also a talented painter who has worked in pen and ink, watercolors and tole painting.

Her house is filled with the art that she has done for decades. It is our great honor to have this exhibit at the Miami Springs City Hall for the month of May 2016 to celebrate the work of this homegrown artist and historian. You are invited to a reception in the City Hall lobby to meet Ms. Taylor on Monday evening, May 2nd from 6:30p.m. to 8:30 p.m. If you cannot attend the reception, be sure to come see her art work Monday through Friday during the month of May between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:45 p.m.

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. 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 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. 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. Currently, the following activities are scheduled for May: weekly Bingo games (5/2, 5/9, 5/16, 5/23 and 5/30); the monthly birthday & anniversary party (5/19); and a shopping trip to Wal-Mart (5/12).

• 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:

• "OLDER ADULT ORAL HEALTH SCREENING PROJECT":

On May 3rd, from 10:00 a.m.--2:00 p.m., our senior center has been chosen to participate in the State's first ever Older Adult Oral Health Screening Project. Sponsored by the Florida Dept. of Health, the University of Florida and the Florida Dental Hygiene Association. Each participant will receive a dental kit and a letter noting the results of the screening;

• "MAYOR REPORT" -- Mayor Xavier Garcia will present information on current Council actions and other topics of interest to the citizenry on May 4th at 12:15 p.m.;

• "CRIME WATCH" PROGRAM -- Officer Jorge Capote from the MSPD's Community Policing Office will conduct the monthly Crime Watch Meeting at the senior center on 5/11 at 12:15 p.m. and provide information on recent local criminal activity;

• "ALL POSSUMS PRACTICAL BOOKS OF CATS & FRIENDS" -- On May 18th at 12:30 p.m. Pelican Playhouse Players will perform a special presentation for our seniors at the Rebeca Sosa Theatre;

• "FALL & BALANCE SCREENING" -- On May 24th from 10:00 a.m.--1:00 p.m., fall and balance screenings will be provided by licensed physical therapists from St. Catherine's West to assess your current risk of falls and other balance deficits that may pose a risk to your health and safety in the home. A series of balance assessments, review of one's current fall risk, and tips and exercises to use at home to prevent a fall will be provided to those with appointments;

• "HOSPICE SERVICES" -- On May 25th at 12:15 p.m., Maritza Lopez, MFT, from Catholic Hospice, will present information on what end-of-life services are available to everyone; and

• BLACK and WHITE PARTY - As a belated Mother's Day celebration and an early Father's Day celebration, the Miami Springs/Virginia Gardens Senior Citizens' Club is planning a special Spring event on May 31st from 5:00--8:00 p.m. at the senior center. This event will be co-sponsored by Commissioner Rebeca Sosa and will include dinner, dancing and door prizes! Everyone is encouraged to dress in black and white.

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.



As well as having exemplary driving skills and great compassion for those he transports to the senior center each day, Edelberto ("Berto") Rivas makes the Monday Bingo games lots of fun!

WELCOME

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

Americars RC, LLC

901 S. Royal Poinciana Blvd. General Offices

Computer Network Consultant

1091 Ibis Ave. General Offices

International Cleaning Group

244-248 Westward Dr. Distributor

POLICE DEPARTMENT
305.888.9711

Community Shredding Event: May 18, 2016

Community shredding services help protect individuals from identity theft and fraud. To raise awareness and to promote prevention, the Miami Springs Police Department has scheduled another Community Shred Day event to be held on Wednesday, May 18, 2016 from 4:00pm to 7:00pm at the Miami Springs Community Center Parking Lot to offer paper shredding services for Miami Springs residents and businesses. You may bring up to four (4) file boxes of paper.

These Community Shred events give individuals the opportunity to have their confidential documents destroyed on site. Whether it's small business documents that are no longer needed or personal papers that need to be safely disposed of. The mobile shredding truck arrives at the Community Center, and residents bring their important documents for destruction. It's the perfect time of year, taxes are done for most of us and we start spring cleaning away all



the dust and dirt that accumulated over the past year. If you're like a lot of people, you may find yourself sifting through drawers and piles of old documents wondering if it's really necessary to keep those papers around.

The answer is, it depends on the document. Some you really should hold on to for several years while others can be shredded and recycled. Here's a handy guide to help you determine which papers can go and which should stay.

Document	How Long to Keep It
Bank statements	1 year, unless needed to support tax filings
Birth certificates, marriage licenses, divorce decrees, passports, education records and military service records	Forever
Contracts	Until updated
Credit card records	Until paid, unless needed to support tax filings
Home purchase and improvement records	As long as you own the property
Life insurance records	Forever
Car and home insurance records	Until you renew the policy
Investment statements	Shred your monthly statements; keep annual statements until you sell the investments
Investment certificates	Until you cash or sell the item
Loan documents	Until you sell the item for which the loan was made
Real estate deeds	As long as you own the property
Receipts for large purchases	Until you sell or discard the item
Service contracts and warranties	Until you sell or discard the item
Social Security card	Forever
Social Security statement	When you get your new statement online, shred the old one
Tax records	7 years from filing date
Vehicle titles	Until you sell or dispose of the car
Will	Until updated

Are you 90 years of age or older???

... if so, the City of Miami Springs is looking for you!

In honor of the City's 90th Birthday, we want to celebrate our wonderful long term residents as a thank-you for making our city great. You will be recognized at one of our Council Meetings and receive a gift to show our appreciation. For more information, please contact Vicky Panoff at 305.805.5010.



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

Open Gym Basketball Hours:

Monday – Friday: 12:00 p.m. – 3 p.m.: 18 & Over \$4. 3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.: 17 & under ONLY, Free. **Monday & Thursday Evenings:** 6:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

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.

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

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

Summer Camp 2016

Join us for a SUMMER with new & old FRIENDS for FIELD TRIPS, SPORTS, ARTS &

CRAFTS, & MORE! Summer Camp is available for children between the ages of 5 – 13 years old.

2 Options are available this SUMMER:

FULL 10 Week SUMMER CAMP: June 13th - August 19th

2 Week Sessions: June 13th - 24th, June 27th - July 8th, July 11th - 22nd, July 25th - August 5th, August 8th - 19th Sessions must be PAID in FULL at the time of registration.

Summer Camp Registration is going on NOW at the Miami Springs Community Center! Don't miss out & sign up TODAY!

For detailed information please call the Parks and Recreation Department at 305.805.5075

Basketball Camp 2016

Get ready for a SUMMER of BASKETBALL!

Join us for the 1st ever SUMMER BASKETBALL CAMP! A month-long specialized camp with highly experienced coaches/ trainers working with campers on the fundamentals of the game: dribbling, passing, defense, rebounding, shooting and more!

Basketball camp is for ALL KIDS & skill levels ages 11- 14 years old

LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE: Only 30 kids per session DON'T MISS OUT!

There will be TWO 4-week sessions

1st session: Weeks of June 13th, 20th, 27th & July 5th

2nd session: Weeks of July 11th, 18th, 25th & August 1st

Registration begins Monday, April 4th at 6pm at the Miami Springs Community Center

For detailed information please call the Community Center at 305.805.5075

Get Fit Camp 2016

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 20 KIDS PER SESSION

There will be TWO Four-Week Sessions

Session 1: Weeks of June 13th, 20th, 27th & July 5th

Session 2: Weeks of July 11th, 18th, 25th & August 1st

Activity Fee: \$100 PER SESSION

Session Fee: \$400 PER SESSION

Registration begins Monday, April 4th at 6pm at the Miami Springs Community Center

For detailed information please call the Community Center at 305.805.5075

BUILDING & CODE COMPLIANCE DEPT.
305.805.5030

GARBAGE, TRASH AND ALL THAT RUBBISH

Recently we have had many complaints from residents and the Public Works Sanitation Department regarding the placement of trash on the swales, of recyclable bins being left out on the swale for days, and the placement of non-combustible materials in the trash pickup areas.

Properties with alley ways can place their trash behind their property as long as they don't obstruct the right-of-way for the City Vehicles. Recycling bins need to be brought into the property within 24 hours from pick up date.

Construction materials, tires, concrete or other non-combustible materials will not be pickup by the Sanitation Department; there are special locations to which they need to be taken in Miami Dade. Please call 311 for areas according to the materials to be disposed.

Multi- Family buildings and commercial buildings can only place the trash out 24 hours prior to the pickup date. In cases where large amounts of trash will be placed, please call the Public Works Department for special pickup.

The City appreciates your cooperation to this matter in an effort to keep our City looking beautiful.

• **Sec. 93-05. - Garbage, garden trash, and rubbish; placement in receptacles for collection and removal; placement for pick-up and retrieval of containers.**

• (D) Loose trash, including bagged materials, white goods, furniture, and any other non-containerized or containerized trash materials may not be placed for pick up by any multi-family residential or commercial site adjacent to any City street earlier than 24 hours prior to any scheduled pick up. Any receptacles used for the disposal of these materials must be retrieved and returned to the interior of the site within 24 hours of pick up.

• (E) In addition to the provision of subsection (D) above, all recycling containers may not be placed for pick up by any multi-family residential or commercial site adjacent to any City street earlier than 24 hours prior to any scheduled pick up. All recycling containers must be retrieved and returned to the interior of the property site within 24 hours of pick up.

• (F) The provisions of subsections (D) and (E) above shall not be applicable to any pick ups performed in City alleys and in the single family residentially zoned districts of the City

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPT. 305.805.5009

MAY BIRTHDAYS:

Happy Birthday and Best Wishes to the following City employees:

Raymond Buckner	Roberto Quintero	Jonathan Castillo
Jorge Izarry	Terri Schuh	Mercedes Valero
Charlene Navarro	Julian Reyes	Denise Martinez
Thomas Cummings	Katherine Anderson	

Recognizing long term employees:

The following employees had his anniversary date in April

Moira Ramos & Carlos Sánchez completed	35 years of service
Steven Griffin	completed 25 years of service
Jimmy Deal	completed 22 years of service
Grace Vazquez	completed 15 years of service
Eneyra Encarnacion & Justin Robbins	completed 10 years of service

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



MAY 2016

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