

City of Miami Springs

News Bulletin



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APRIL 2012

IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES COUNCIL MEETINGS

MON., MAY 14, 2012 – 7:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MONDAY, MAY 28, 2012
MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY
CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED!

TUES., MAY 29, 2012 – 7:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MON., JUNE 11, 2012 – 7:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MON., JUNE 25, 2012 – 7:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CURBSIDE RECYCLING PICK-UP

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 2012
WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 2012
WEDNESDAY, MAY 30, 2012

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

One of City Manager Ron Gorland's primary goals is improved communication to our residents of what's going on in City Hall (and with your tax dollars!). Supported by Mayor Garcia and the City Council, a number of existing and new efforts, some in both Spanish and English, are keeping community members "in the know" with accurate and current reports. Involved and informed citizens have long been a special part of what makes Miami Springs such a great place to live, so check out these various options for information and updates:

- Starting with the very first edition of the full-color **Spring Connection** in today's Gazette, there will be targeted monthly issues that focus on hot button topics as well as general information about our City, its operations and initiatives. You may wish to save these for future reference. Next month we'll be featuring "Historic Miami Springs", with some information about the amazing aviation, architecture and events that have taken place here.

- The monthly "big issue" Gazette's **News-Bulletin** is still the place to check for

Recreation and Senior Center schedules, advisory board and Council meeting dates, etc.

- @MiamiSpringsFL** on Twitter. "Follow" us for breaking news and timely reminders.

- 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, budget reports, parks and recreation information, notices, public service announcements from the Police Department, BOLOs, crime prevention information, links to Florida's sexual offenders list, links to Florida State Statutes, the Miami Springs Code of Ordinances, links to all City departments and much more.

- The online official City public meeting calendar **www.miamisprings-fl.gov/meetings/upcoming** and community events calendar **www.miamisprings-fl.gov/calendar?type=calendar_event_general** are updated several times a week.

- To bring more transparency to the City's finances, the City Check Register, a full listing of city checks issued during the prior month is posted at **www.miamisprings-**

fl.gov/finance/city-check-registers.

- 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.

- Local "for sale", "for rent" "lost dog" and yard sale notices, etc. are posted on the **bulletin board** near the Community Center pool entrance on Apache Street. (Also, all yard sales and map links are posted on the left hand side of the City web site home page, **www.miamisprings-fl.gov**.)

- For Comcast subscribers, local government access **Channel 77** re-broadcasts City Council meetings, public service and safety announcements.

- 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 at that site and available for later review as well.

- Have trouble locating specific information? Call City Hall at **305.805.5000** or send an email to **info@miamisprings-fl.gov** and your inquiry will be routed to the appropriate department for a speedy reply.



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

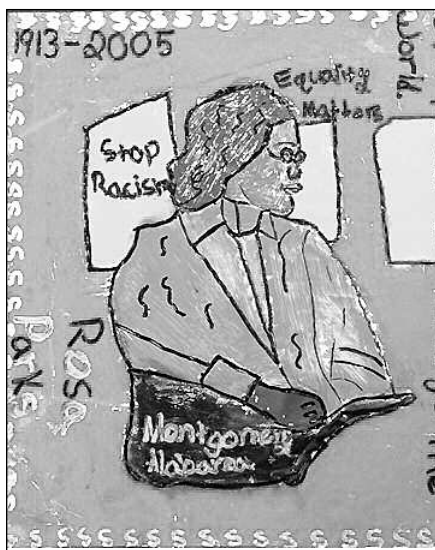
Legacy Collectibles

261 Westward Drive
Antiques and Collectibles Shop

Paradise Express Unlimited

46 Westward Drive
Travel Agency

Art in City Hall



Rosa Parks by Hannah Richardson, Grade 5, Miami Springs Elementary School

The work of Mr. Ramon Margarino's Art Students from Miami Springs Elementary School will be featured for the May "Art in City Hall Exhibit."

The students annually enter many contests and exhibits both countywide and statewide. This exhibit includes some entries that were on display this year for "Women in Black History" at the School Board building, the Dade County Youth Fair, "Taste of the Tropics" at Fairchild Tropical Gardens, and the "Fabulous Fauvist" exhibit at the MIA Airport Gallery. This exhibit also includes two- and three-dimensional pieces by 2nd through 5th grade students in this year's Miami Springs Elementary School Art Club.

You are cordially invited to meet our young artists at a reception being held on Monday, May 7, 2012 between the hours of 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. If you are not able to attend the reception, you will be able to view the art exhibit throughout May between 8:00 a.m. and 4:45 p.m.

ELDERLY SERVICES DEPT.

305.805.5160 SENIOR CENTER,
343 PAYNE DRIVE

May is Older Americans Month, a great opportunity to show special appreciation for some of our most beloved citizens! Older adults in our community play an important role by sharing their experience, wisdom and understanding, and passing on that knowledge to other generations in a variety of significant ways.

Studies show their interactions with family, friends, and neighbors across generations enrich the lives of everyone involved. Help our older adults stay engaged in community life and recognize that we have many reasons to celebrate them!

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 multipurpose 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 informal health, nutrition, crime prevention and consumer education workshops 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 such as bingo, line dancing, yoga, fitness classes, and field trips; and improve their use of leisure time with books, videos, magazines, puzzles and games available through the free loan library.

Call the City's Elderly Services Department at (305) 805-5160 for further information.



The talented Xiques family (Bethany, 13, Mom Debra and Joseph, 12) performed a wonderful concert on a variety of instruments for our seniors



Mayor Garcia recently presented Customer Service Representative Margaret Watson with a Certificate of Appreciation for 36 years of dedicated service to the City.

Miami Springs is online:
check us out at **www.miamisprings-fl.gov**

POLICE DEPARTMENT
305.888.9711

Home Drowning Prevention Tips

More than 1,000 children die from drowning in the United States each year and another 5,000 are injured, but these casualties have declined dramatically since the early 1990s, a new study shows. The number of children who died annually from drowning after being admitted to a hospital has declined. Total trips to hospitals, after drowning-related incidents, has declined by 51 percent among children during that time.

Drowning injuries are the second leading cause of accidental trauma in children in the United States. Nonfatal drowning often results in brain damage and long-term disability, according to studies.

Breaking down different levels of risk, studies have found that children less than 4 years old are most likely to die in drowning incidents, usually in bathtubs or after falling into water. Older children are more likely to drown while swimming, according to research cited in the studies, with higher risks in the warmer regions like those found in Southern Florida due to the warmer temperatures providing for longer swimming seasons.

Federal legislation passed in 2007 requiring pool and hot tub drains to have covers and calling for other safety measures to be taken by states. The law followed the drowning death of a child whose mother was unable to free her from the suction of a hot-tub drain.



We need to continue our diligence to reduce drowning-related deaths and injuries.

- Always stay within an arm's reach of your infant or toddler when he or she is in or near the bathtub, toilet, pools, spas or buckets. Never leave your child alone or in the care of older children during bath time.
- Once bath time is over, immediately drain the tub.
- Empty all buckets, containers and wading pools immediately after use. Store them upside-down and out of children's reach.
- Keep toilet lids closed and use toilet seat locks.
- Never leave your child unattended in a tub or around any other body of water, even if he or she knows how to swim.
- Keep doors to bathrooms and laundry rooms closed.
- Children in baby bath seats and rings must be watched every second.

PARKS & RECREATION DEPT.
305.805.5075/76 1401 WESTWARD DRIVE

FACILITY RENTAL:

The Multi-Purpose Room is available for rentals. Contact the main office at the Community Center for availability & pricing. 305.805.5075

GYMNASIUM:

Open Gym Basketball is offered: Monday - Friday 2:45 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. 17 & under ONLY. Monday & Wednesday evenings 6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m., Saturday 7:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. & Sunday 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. open play, 17 & under Free 18 & over \$4

Open Gym Volleyball: is offered every Friday night from 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. 18 & over \$4, 17 & under are free.

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 and will begin field trips January 2012. For additional information, contact Caitlin Smith.

FITNESS:

Fitness Room & Jogging Track: 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: \$187.50
- Family of 3: \$262.50
- Additional family members \$75.00*
- *Immediate Family Members ONLY

Yoga: The yoga class is hosted by certified yoga teacher and personal trainer, Natasha Salmon Cugno. Yoga is held Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7:15 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. and Saturday mornings at 8:45 a.m. The next yoga session registration will be held on Monday, May 14th. The cost is \$95 for an 8 week session. Please call the Community Center for details.

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We are now offering a Saturday drop in yoga class. The cost per class is \$5 and starts at 8:45 a.m.

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.

Tuesday & Thursday Mornings: 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Monday through Thursday: 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday & Thursday: 7:05 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



The Teen Program enjoys a day out bowling with their fearless leaders A-Rod(L), Danny (R) and Albert (Far R)

Saturday: 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Jr. Jazzercise:

Tuesday & Thursday: 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. For information visit jazzercise.com or call 305.888.7625

AQUATICS:

Pool Hours: Monday-Friday: Lap Swimming 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Open Swim 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday: Open Swim 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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 Learn-to-Swim program.

Our sessions run every two weeks and swim classes are offered year round. Our prices are \$45 per session and we offer various types of classes.

Class Times: 5:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., and 7:00 p.m.

Water Aerobics: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday & Thursday: 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Cost: \$40 for 8 classes, per participant

Pool Memberships are NOW AVAILABLE:

- Adults: 18 & over \$80
- Child: 17 & under \$40
- Senior: 60 & over \$40

DRIVER LICENSE SERVICE:

The Florida Department of Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles will be at the Community Center, 1401 Westward Dr. on May 10th. They offer full Drivers License services from 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Mark your calendar, the Mother & Son Date Night will be held on Friday, May 11th from 6:30pm - 9:30pm at the Miami Springs Community Center! Please join us for a night of food, games and fun. To make your reservation please call the Miami Springs Community Center at 305.805.5075. Reservations must be made no later than Wednesday May 9th.

\$\$\$ Available for Circle Events



Is your service organization, church, school or business planning to hold an event that will bring a substantial number of people downtown? If so, did you know that the City Council has set aside a "Circle Fund" that may be able to help you defray some of your expenses?

The application process is simple, and many groups have already used "Circle Funds" for events such as "Movie Night on the Circle" and "Save the Earth Hour".

The deadline for the next funding cycle is August 15th, for events that will take place between October 1 and the end of February.

To find out if your event qualifies, and how to apply, please contact Barbara Robinson at (305) 805-5010 or robinsonb@miamisprings-fl.gov.

Follow us on Twitter:

@MiamiSpringsFL



BUILDING & CODE COMPLIANCE DEPT.
305.805.5030

Boats, Campers, Trailers, and Jet Skies, are lots of fun!

But where do we park them?

South Florida is a year round playground, and enjoying the outdoors in our recreational vehicles is a big part of the fun. But remember that boats, trailers, jet skies, campers and other recreational vehicles are not allowed to be parked in the front yard set-back or the side yard set-back. However a Variance can be granted if it is impossible to park the recreational vehicle in the rear yard setback. We want to wish all our residents a safe and enjoyable summer.

TIME EXTENSIONS

Most Code Violation Notices have a time deadline for compliance. If you need additional time

to comply, please contact the Officer who issued the Notice to you. Most Notices have the Officer's name and Cell Phone number listed on them. Some safety/health related Codes may not allow for additional time. However, call us and we will be happy to discuss it with you.

If you have any questions about Code Compliance, feel free to contact the Code Compliance Officer for your area:

Lourdes Taveras (786) 255-0995
ALL COMMERCIAL AND MULTIPLE FAMILY ZONES

Jose Sadin (786) 367-4962
ALL RESIDENTIAL AREAS AT THIS TIME

Tex Ziadie (786) 255-0497
SUPERVISOR - DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPT. 305.805.5009



MAY BIRTHDAYS:

Happy Birthday and Best Wishes to the following City employees:

5/1	Raymond Buckner	5/22	Tom Cummings
5/8	Charlene Navarro	5/25	Terri Schuh
5/11	Gonzalo Garcia	5/24	James Holland
5/12	Katherine Anderson	5/28	Alex Rodriguez
5/20	Jorge Irizarry		

Recognizing long term employees:

The following employees had their anniversary date in April:

Randall Walker	completed 33 years of service
Moira Ramos & Carlos Sánchez	completed 31 years of service
Barbara Robinson	completed 27 years of service
Steven Griffin	completed 21 years of service
Jimmy Deal	completed 18 years of service
Grace Vazquez	completed 11 years of service

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

May 2012

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		1 Code Enforcement: 7:00 p.m.	2 Architec- tural Review: 7:00 p.m. Curbside recycling	3	4	5
6	7 Bd.of Adjust- ment/zoning: 7:00 p.m.	8 Recreation Commission: 7:00 p.m.	9 Golf and Country Club: 7:00 p.m.	10 Parks & Parkways: 7:00 p.m.	11	12
13	14 Council Meeting: 7:00 p.m.	15 Education Advisory Bd.: 6:30 p.m.	16 Rep. Mario Diaz- Balart Open House: 2:45 p.m. Curbside recycling	17 Historic Preservation: 7:00 p.m.	18	19
20	21 Revitaliza- tion & Redevel- opment: 7 p.m.	22 Ecology Board: 7:00 p.m.	23	24 Code Review: 7:00 p.m.	25	26
27	28 CITY HALL CLOSED: MEMORIAL DAY.	29 Council Meeting: 7:00 p.m.	30 Curbside recycling	31	CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS	OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK