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**AUGUST 2018** 

# In the Spotlight

# Spot an orange and teal shuttle bus around town?

You are looking at the Miami Springs/Virginia Gardens FREE shuttle bus service...specially for you!

This FREE waive and ride shuttle bus service operates form 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday and offers 17 stops within a 1 hour rotation. Please keep in mind that traffic conditions affect the time timetable, and the bus may run 15 minutes late at any given time. The bus is wheelchair accessible, and it is equipped with bicycle racks. We kindly ask you to fold strollers and carts before boarding. Three stops were recently added with the effort of the Miami Springs City Council and Miami Dade County Officials.

A ribbon cutting celebration for the City's Shuttle Bus 'New STOP' at the EB Hotel was held Wednesday, August 15. Complimentary hors d' oeuvres & beverages were served at the lobby of the EB Hotel. The luxury hotel is in partnership with the City to offer passengers a FREE trip to the Miami International Airport.



# NO text. NO call.

**NOTHING** is worth losing a life over.





www.fdotmiamidade.com/putitdow



## **NEW STOPS**

Stop 11: EB Hotel Miami: 4299 Northwest 36th Street, Miami Springs, FL 33166

Stop 16: CVS on NW. 54th Street/Hialeah Drive and East 1st Ave.,

Stop 17: Hialeah Metrorail Station on East 21 Street/NW 74 Street & East 1st Ave.

A 'Route & Timetable' brochure can be picked up at City Hall or printed from the city's website at www.miamisprings-fl.gov



Downtown Miami at Sunset by Robert Holmes

# ART IN MIAMI SPRINGS

at the City of Miami Springs Gallery Space located in the lobby of City Hall @ 201 Westward Drive. All exhibitions are free and open to the public, Monday-Friday from 8am-

During August & September, the Gallery will feature the photographs of local Artist, Robert Holmes.

About Robert Holmes: Robert Holmes is a long time (61 Year) resident of Miami Springs and former founder and owner of Aero Systems, Inc. Upon retirement in 1994, Mr. Holmes and his wife moved to Marathon. After about six months of retirement, Mr. Holmes realized that he could not go fishing every day. Being an old workhorse, he needed something productive to do. The Holmes' returned to their home in Miami Springs and Mr. Holmes got deeply involved in his prior hobby, Photography, beginning a second career. After ten years doing Portraiture, Wedding and Graduation

Enjoy exciting new works of art in a variety of mediums Photography, Mr. Holmes discovered, his passion, Gigapan Photography. Gigapan Photography allowed him to take huge pictures with infinite detail. Mr. Holmes has spent countless hours on balconies and rooftops taking his Gigapan City Scape Panoramas. When he is not in the field taking pictures, he is at his computer processing and stitching them together to produce his awesome City Scape Panoramas. Mr. Holmes' work has been exhibited at ArtPalmBeach, ArtBocaRaton and numerous Art Fairs.

> To see more images or to purchase a work, please visit www.RobertHolmesPhoto.com

> This exhibition is made possible by the City of Miami Springs. If you are a local business that would like to sponsor an upcoming Artist reception or an Artist living or working in Miami Springs looking for exhibition opportunities, contact Tammy Key, Professional Services Specialist @ keyt@miamisprings-fl.gov

### IMPORTANT **CALENDAR DATES**

City Council Meetings

**City Council Regular Meetings** 

Monday, Sept. 10, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. at City Hall Monday, Sept. 24, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. at City Hall

> Special Dates **VOICE YOUR VIEWS!**

Congressman Diaz-Balart's Office Visits to City Hall

Every third Wednesday of every month: 11 A.M. to 12 P.M. • Wed., Sept. 19 at City Hall Question & Answer session for residents!

> **SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE AT CITY HALL**

**School Board Member Susy Castillo's Satellite Office Visits to City Hall** 

Wed., Sept. 12, 2018 – 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

#### **FREE NOTARY SERVICE**

The Office of the City Clerk offers free notary services to residents of Miami Springs and Virginia Gardens with a valid ID. Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:45 p.m

Recycling Dates

Wednesday, September 5, 2018 Wednesday, September 19, 2018

City Hall Closures

Monday, September 3rd – Labor Day





With another school year beginning, the

Miami Springs Police Department would like to offer the following tips to help make our

school zones safer and improve traffic safety.

nificantly more traffic. Pedestrians, bicyclists,

buses and parents all contribute to school

zone congestion. Most schools in Miami

Springs and other cities are faced with traffic

issues such as double parking, speeding, un-

In addition, children do not always follow

the rules of the road. Often times they enter

the street from between two cars, and run

into traffic, ride their bicycles through red

lights, skateboard into traffic and don't cross

Motorists should exercise a heightened

awareness in and around a school zone. Po-

tential hazards are much easier to perceive

when driving at or below the school zone

speed limit of 15 mph. Special attention

must also be paid to buses displaying flash-

ing red lights when on an undivided two-

lane roadway. In these instances, motorists

are required by the Florida Law to stop in ei-

ther direction, and wait until the flashing red

lights are turned off before passing the bus.

bicycles to school should keep in mind that a helmet is required for those under the age

of 16. In addition, children riding bicycles

must travel with the flow of traffic. When

considering whether to allow your child to

ride a bike to school, also think about the ef-

fect that a bulky backpack may have on your

child's balance while he or she is riding a

make school zones safer for everyone:

dren off in the middle of the street.

Don't speed.

• Don't double park.

Follow these simple suggestions to help

• Obey all posted traffic signs and signals.

• Don't impede traffic by dropping chil-

Parents who allow their children to ride

safe U-turns, jaywalking and more.

the road at marked crosswalks.

With school in session, there will be sig-

**Back to School Safety Tips** 

Jeanne Malden Golf & Country Club Marco Hernandez **Public Works Department Shelow Thomas** Golf & Country Club Lazaro Garaboa. **Public Works Department** Tulio Garcia **Public Works Department Taylor Roig** Golf & Country Club Adonys Llorens Police Department Santiago Martinez Police Department **Angela Aguila** Senior Center Billy Bain City Council Monica Chavez Parks & Recreation Aaron Larroque Golf & Country Club. Angel Urbaez **Public Works Department** 

Happy Birthday and Best Wishes!

#### CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS CELEBRATES SEPT. BIRTHDAYS

**HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTN** 

September 01 September 02 September 03 September 03 September 05 September 05 September 06 September 08 September 08 September 08 September 13 September 15 September 19 September 22 Marc Pierre Police Department September 29 **David Olivas** Public Works Department

- Don't STOP or PARK on a Crosswalk this is against the law.
- Don't block intersections or driveways if you park your vehicle.
  - Don't make U-turns.
- Obey the Crossing Guards and School Officials, they are there to protect the chil-
- Always make sure that your children are wearing seatbelts when transporting them to and from school.
- If driving behind a school bus, drivers should allow a greater following distance than if driving behind a car. It will allow more time to stop once the yellow lights start flashing.
- Miami Springs Municipal Code prohibits parking in the swale areas in front of residences

In addition, make sure that your child has adequate supervision if he or she arrives home before you do. While this may be difficult for some, any form of organized activity, or the immediate availability of a trusted adult, can provide the necessary guidance to help ensure your child's safety and also give you peace of mind. Miami Springs has several private after school care facilities and a City sponsored program through the Miami Springs Community Center.

#### CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS RECOGNIZES THE FOLLOWING AUG. EMPLOYMENT ANNIVERSARIES:

- Armando Dominguez completed 25 years of service.
  - Erik Estok completed 15 years of service.
  - Antonio Perez completed 15 years of service

Thank You For Your Loyal Service to the City of Miami Springs!

#### **MIAMI SPRINGS GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB**

650 Curtiss Parkway 305.805.5180

Monday - Saturday: 6am - 9pm Sunday: 6am - 6pm

#### **BUILDING & CODE COMPLIANCE** DEPARTMENT 305.805.5030

#### Do I need a permit?

In general, any maintenance and repairs under \$500\*\* can be done without a permit. HOWEVER, THERE ARE EXCEPTIONS AS **FOLLOWS:** All Structural work must have a permit.

All Exterior Windows or Doors, new or replacement, must have a permit.

All Drywall work must have a permit.

All Stucco work must have a permit. All Fascia must have a permit (Per Build-

ing Official, this is a new rule as it may affect structural, roof, drip, etc.).

All gutters must have a permit.

Electric other than simple change outs\*\*\* must have a permit.

All Plumbing other than simple repairs (leaks, etc.) must have a permit. All fixture additions or replacements must have a permit.

All Mechanical/Air Conditioning work must have a permit. This would include any replacement of condensing units or air handlers and any addition of duct. For other maintenance such as cleaning coils or ducts, the \$500 rule would apply.

All Roofing work valued at over \$300\*\* or 3 squares (3 squares=300 square feet) must have a permit and any roofing with hot mop or structural must have a permit.

Replacing Cabinets does require a permit. By the Electrical Code, if you replace cabinets you must upgrade the electric outlets to the current Code as to distance, number, GFI, etc. so a permit is required for that and for any CHANGE to the plumbing configuration. The cabinets themselves require a miscellaneous permit to inspect that the installation was done properly.

ALL fencing must have a permit.

Any fencing repairs where support posts or poles are replaced must have a permit. If only changing the chain link or wood panels and not changing the support posts, then the \$500 rule applies.

ALL slabs, pavers, driveways, walkways or any other type of permanent ground covering must have a permit (including gravel driveways).

#### **Political Signs**

During this election season, please remember the following guidelines regarding political signs:

- 1. Only one sign per candidate or ballot issue per property.
- 2. No Political signs on public property, including your swale area.
- 3. Where there is no sidewalk, please place political signs ten feet from the road-
- 4. No illuminated signs
- 5. No signs that inhibit visibility or passage on a public right of way.
- 6. Please remove all signs within ten (10) days of the end of the election.

# **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMEN**



## Take caution: Trees in power lines

must call Florida Power & Light (FPL) to report a trimming request. Requests are to be made directly through FPL and not the City's Public Works Department.

The Florida Power & Light Distribution Vegetation Management for the South Region advices that FPL has a process for all "customer" trim requests. The property

Residents who have trees in power lines owner should call the FPL customer care network, the number is on the FPL website and the customer's bill; 1-800-226-3545. This ensures their inquiry is properly logged into the FPL system with a work request number, for tracking purposes. The request is field investigated by a trained arborist and the results are shared with the customer.



# MIAMI PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMEN

305.805.5075 • Follow us on Twitter @miamispringsrec

The Parks and Recreation Department serves as a community resource for all of the sports, recreational, and cultural activities in the city, including cooperative relationships with all local groups. The Department is composed of two main buildings and three fields: The Community Center and The Aquatic Center, and Prince Field, Stafford Park, and Peavy Dove Field, to provide opportunities for residents to improve their social, mental, and physical well-being through participation.

Below you will find the times and dates for these programs and special events.



Another Summer has come and gone. We have had such a BLAST this year!! If you missed out this time, check back in February 2019!! It's now time for our Basketball Season!! Don't miss out! Make sure to register!!

#### **Operating 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.

#### Contact Information:

Miami Springs Community Center: 1401 Westward Dr. Miami Springs, FL 33166 www.MiamiSprings-fl.gov/ParksAndRecreation • 305.805.5075

#### **OPEN GYM BASKETBALL HOURS:**

Monday - Friday

12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.: 18 & Over - \$4 Monday - Thursday Evenings: 6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. 18 & Over - \$4

Saturday: 7:00 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.:

17 & Under - Free; 18 & Over - \$4

#### **FACILITY RENTALS**

- The Multi-Purpose Room is available for rental
- The 10x10 Pavilions at Prince Field are available for rental
- The 20x20 Pavilion at Stafford Park is available for rental

For More Information Contact: The Miami Springs Community Center at 305.805.5075

http://www.miamisprings-fl.gov/parksandrecreation

#### 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 Room Memberships**

Adults: 18 yrs. & Over \$150.00 Senior: 60 yrs. & Over \$75.00

Youth: 13 yrs. - 17 yrs., \$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.

Jazzercise & Jr. Jazzercise: Visit www.jazzercise.com or call 305.888.7625

#### For Information on Athletics & Fitness Programs

(Basketball, Volleyball, Fitness Room, Jogging Track) **Visit:** www.miamisprings-fl.gov/parksandrecreation



# **Operating Hours**

#### Monday-Friday

Lap Swim:

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Open Swim:

1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

# POOL IS HEATED

Saturday

Open Swim: 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Sunday Open Swim: 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

WEATHER PERMITTING

#### **Contact Information:**

Miami Springs Aquatic Center • 1401 Westward Dr. • Miami Springs, FL. 33166 305-805-5078 • www.MiamiSprings-fl.gov/

#### **Water Aerobics**

Water Aerobics is an exercise that is fun for all! It employs the resistance and buoyancy of water to condition your muscles while improving strength, flexibility and cardiovascular fitness.

Taught in our heated pool, this course is

- Swimmers & non-swimmers alike
- Losing or maintaining weight
- Low impact exercise
- Sufferers of arthritis Socialization

**Summer Class Times:** 

Mondays & Wednesdays: 10:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays & Thursdays: 6:15-7:15 p.m. Fall/Winter Class Times:

Mondays & Wednesdays: 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Tuesdays & Thursdays: 6 -7 p.m. 8 Classes 16 Classes

Resident \$60 \$100 Non-Resident \*Classes can be completed at your leisure, and do not expire until used

#### **POOL AREA RENTALS**

The Miami Springs Aquatic Facility offers public and private rentals for residents & non-residents.

- The Multi-Purpose room is available for rental
- 12x12 umbrella rental or 16x16 shaded areas

## For More Information Contact: The

Miami Springs Aquatic Center at 305.805.5078 http://www.miamispringsfl.gov/parksandrecreation/aquatic-facilityrental-information

#### **POOL MEMBERSHIPS:**

Residents

**Non-Residents** 

Adults: 18 & over \$90.00 **Senior:** 60 & over \$50.00 Youth: 17 & under \$50.00 Family of 4: \$250.00

**Adults:** 18 & over \$150.00 Child: 17 & under \$100.00 **Senior:** 60 & over \$100.00 Family of 4: \$350.00 Seniors 60 & Over

FREE: Monday - Friday, 9:00a.m. - 12:00p.m

#### For Information on Aquatic Programs

(Swimming Lessons, Swim Fit, and Water Aerobics) Visit: www.miamisprings-fl.gov/parksandrecreation



#### **Specialized Camp** Lessons on: dribbling, passing, defense, rebounding etc. All participants get a camp shirt!

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sdays & Thursdays: Ages 6-8 from 6 p.m.- 7:30 p.m. & Ages 11-12 from 7:30 p.m.- 9p.n

Registration: October 1 at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center

Fee: \$100 per player /plus birth certificate as proof of age (Space is Limited!)

- . Uniforms provided . Tryouts: November 5 & 6
- . Games begin January 7 & 8
- **VOLUNTEER COACHES NEEDED!!**



The Miami Springs Senior Center offers a variety of FREE activities and services to older residents of Miami Springs and Virginia Gardens, age 60 and over. Current financial and programmatic support comes from: the City of Miami Springs, the Alliance for Aging, Inc., the Florida Department of Elder Affairs, the Village of Virginia Gardens, Mount Sinai Medical Center, participant donations, local business organizations, medical doctors, civic groups and countless volunteers.

#### **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.

#### 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.

- Weekly trips to grocery stores, assistance with shopping and carrying packages is provided.
- Field trips to malls and other places of interest are scheduled each month.
- Trips currently scheduled for September: Walmart (9/6), Sabor (9/13), Fresco y Mas (9/21) and Publix (9/27).

#### **RECREATION ACTIVITIES:**

Recreational and social events are planned each month at the senior center. As of this writing, the following activities are planned for September: birthday and anniversary celebration (9/20); weekly Bingo games (9/4, 9/10, 9/17, and 9/24); and shopping trips to

Walmart and various grocery stores each

#### HEALTH SUPPORT PROGRAMS AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS:

- Educational presentations are scheduled each month through the sponsorship of numerous individuals, community service organizations, businesses, and medical facilities. New programs and lectures are being planned and will be announced as finalized. The following topics are currently scheduled for September:
- Miami Springs Lions Club Projects

   On September 5th at 12:15 p.m., Lee
  Fisher, President of the local Lions Club,
  will present information on the many
  projects the members are working on
  for the benefit of others.
- Miami-Dade Public Library System's TECHNOBUS -- The library's mobile technology innovation lab will visit the senior center on the September 11th and 25th from 10:00—11:30 a.m. The bus brings digital services and devices directly to the senior center and provides residents of all ages with instruction and activities on how to use smart phones, laptops, iPads, MacBook Airs, and Microsoft Surface Pro tablets. Those interested in learning more about technology are encouraged to stop by and visit.
- "Library Happenings" A representative of the Miami Springs Branch Library, will present information about library services and upcoming events on September 11th at 12:15 p.m.
- "Cancer Prevention and Medical Intervention" On September 12th at 12:15 p.m., United Health Center will sponsor a program on this topic.
  - "Crime Watch" Program ¬- Offi-

cers Jorge Capote and Janice Simon, from the MSPD's Community Policing Office, will facilitate the monthly crime watch meeting at the senior center on September 18th at 12:15 p.m. The Officers will inform attendees about current crimes being committed in the City, solicit observations and questions from the participants, and provide tips on how to avoid becoming a victim.

• Distribution of Telephones for the Hearing Impaired – On September 19th, at 12:15 p.m., a presentation will be made on the Specialized Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program for citizens of Florida who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Deaf/Blind and Speech Disabled. Under the State of Florida Telecommunications Access Systems Act, specialized telephones are made available free to new clients with a hearing aid or to those who are hear-

ing or speech impaired. Free amplified telephones will be distributed on September 19th following the presentation at the Miami Springs Senior Center. To qualify, you must show proof of permanent residency and have a landline in your residence. If you do not wear a hearing aid, a 5 minute hearing test will be administered. Current clients who have an inoperable telephone (that was previously issued through this program) may exchange it for a new one on this date starting at 11:00 a.m.

• "Protect Yourself from Financial Exploitation and Identity Theft" – The Alliance for Aging, Inc. will present this topic on September 26th at 12:15 p.m.

For more information on any of the services, activities, or special programs offered, or to volunteer your time, talent or expertise, please contact us at (305) 805.5160.

#### **HEALTH SUPPORT ACTIVITIES**

The following Health Support activities require registration, and are offered to seniors enrolled in the Miami Springs Senior Center activities.

# CHAIR YOGA & HANDWEIGHT EXCERSISES

Mondays & Wednesdays from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Instructor: Natasha Salmon-Cogno Classes meet at the Senior Center.

#### **FLOOR YOGA CLASSES**

Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Instructor: Natasha Salmon-Cogno Classes meet at the Curtiss Mansion.

#### **TAI CHI for ARTHRITIS**

Tuesdays & Thursdays from 12:30 —1:30 p.m. Instructor: Judd Zisquit Classes meet at the Aquatic Center.

# "LET'S DANCE" EXERCISE CLASSES

Mondays & Wednesdays from 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Instructor: Natasha Salmon-Cogno Classes meet at Senior Center.

#### **CHAIR EXERCISE CLASSES**

Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10:30 —11:00 a.m. Instructor: Elizabeth King Classes meet at Senior Center.

#### "BALANCE and FALL PREVENTION"

Fridays from 9:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m. Instructor: Natasha Salmon-Cogno Class meets at the Senior Center.

# SEPTEMBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 LABOR DAY! CITY HALL CLOSED!	4 CODE ENFORCEMENT: 7:00 P.M.	5 BD OF PARKS AND PARKWAYS: 7:00 P.M	6	7	8
9	10 CITY COUNCIL MEETING: 7:00 P.M.	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 EDUCATION ADVISORY BD.: 7:00 P.M.	19	20 ECOLOGY BD.: 7:00 P.M.	21	22
23	24 CITY COUNCIL MEETING: 7:00 P.M.	25	26	27	28	29
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