

City of Miami Springs

# News Bulletin



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AUGUST 2013

## IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2013**  
 7:00 P.M. – CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AND FIRST BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING.

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2013**  
 7:00 P.M. – CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AND SECOND AND FINAL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING.

### RECYCLING:

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH**  
**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH**

**Voice your views!**  
 U.S. Congresswoman

**Ileana Ros-Lehtinen's Outreach Program:**

Ms. Lourdes Ruiz from Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen's office will be available in the Council Chambers in City Hall every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Citizens may contact her at 305.934.9441 or Lourdes.ruiz@mail.house.gov.

## SPOTLIGHT ON ... Adopt-A-Tree

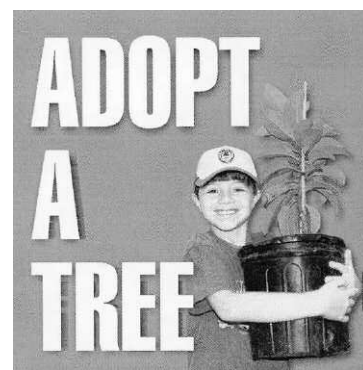
For the first time in several years, DERM's Adopt-A-Tree program will be returning to Miami Springs on Saturday, September 14th. The event will take place between 9 a.m. and noon at the Community Center, 1401 Westward Drive. Tree quantities are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. We expect this will be a hugely successful and well-attended adoption, so "adoptive parents" are urged to get there early! Tree species available are subject to change, but will most probably be Mango, Longan, Sapodilla, Dahoon Holly and Orange Geiger.

Property owners who qualify will be able to receive two free trees, whether or not they have adopted a tree in the past. If you are a renter, you must have written permission from the property owner to pick up the trees. You will need to present identification, along with a photocopy of the property owner's identification AND written authorization from the property owner. Participants picking up trees for a family member who is the property owner must present their identification, along with a photocopy of the property owner's identification AND written authorization from the property owner. Participants who have recently

purchased a residential property should bring the bill of sale (a.k.a. HUD1), because the purchase transaction may not appear yet in the county's records. Duplex and Triplex properties have one folio number (as they are on one piece of property); therefore, duplex and triplex (etc.) residential properties will only receive 2 trees (per folio) per year, the same as all other residential properties.

Apartment buildings do not qualify for the Adopt-a-Tree Program. In general, condominium owners are not eligible to receive trees. However, if a condo owner obtains written authorization from the Condo Board to plant the tree(s) in a designated common area (defined by a site plan); they may present such authorization and obtain trees. Please note that Adopt-a-Tree program will retain ALL authorizations.

Residents who may be eligible and are planning to pick up more than four trees (for various properties) need to call DERM at



305.372.6784 to make prior arrangements with the staff.

Participants will be required to present photo identification, i.e. a driver's license with the residential property address indicated on the identification. Other forms of identification containing property address information like a utility bill can be accepted as long as a photo ID is also presented.

Community service hours are available for students who volunteer to work an Adopt-A-Tree event. If you would like to volunteer, contact Sara Hernandez at [hernas@miamidade.gov](mailto:hernas@miamidade.gov). All volunteers under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or guardian during the event.

ALSO, AS A BONUS; TURN IN OLD SHOWERHEADS AND UP TO 3 REGULAR LIGHT BULBS FOR FREE ENERGY-EFFICIENT REPLACEMENTS!

**TIP:** Bring a cart or wagon to transport your trees to your car!!!!

## Miami Springs Golf Course

305.805.5180

This Labor Day weekend, MSGC is proud to participate for the first time in Patriot Golf Day, to share our deep commitment to armed forces personnel. This event is the flagship fundraiser for the Folds of Honor Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides postsecondary educational scholarships for the children and spouses of military men and women disabled or killed while serving our great nation. On each of the three days of Labor Day weekend, golfers at MSGC and more than 4,500 other public and private golf courses across the country will be asked to add a minimum of an extra dollar to their greens fees to fund Folds of Honor scholarships. The Patriot Golf Day campaign is jointly supported by The PGA of America and the United States Golf Association



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

**Barefoot Peddler**  
 385 Westward Drive  
 Sales

**Blue Cross Health Associates**  
 4471 N.W. 36th Street  
 General Office

**Davco Electrical Contractors**  
 700 S. Royal Poinciana Boulevard  
 Electrical Contractors

**Homestead Home Health Care**  
 4471 N.W. 36th Street  
 General Office

**Life Consulting Group LLC**  
 4471 N.W. 36th Street  
 General Office

**Miami Data Lab, Inc.**  
 8 Curtiss Parkway  
 Sales

**Owen Gay**  
 355 Westward Drive  
 General Office

**Pedestal Properties, LP**  
 627 Eldron Drive  
 Investment Counselor

## 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 residents age 60 and over every Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

**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.

**NUTRITION EDUCATION:** Counseling and nutrition education programs are provided monthly by the program's consulting Registered Dietician or the Project Director.

#### HEALTH SUPPORT ACTIVITIES:

- **YOGA-STYLE CLASSES**, which includes weight training exercises, will be provided free to local residents, age 60 and over, through a partnership with the Miami Springs Adult & Community School, beginning the week of September 9th. Those interested are asked to call the senior center for more details. Class size will be limited and participants must complete senior center and school enrollment forms;

- **Free CHAIR YOGA CLASSES**, will be available to seniors beginning the week of September 9th and will be taught by Instructor Natasha Salmon-Cogno, Certified Personal Trainer. Seniors are asked to call the senior center for more details. Class size will be limited and students will need to pre-register at the Senior Center office;

- **"LET'S DANCE" EXERCISE CLASSES**, free to area seniors, will be scheduled beginning September 9th. Instruction will be provided by Natasha Salmon-Cogno, a Certified Personal Trainer and teacher with the Miami Springs Adult & Community School. Pre-registration is required; and

- **Free LINE DANCING CLASSES** will be offered every Thursday morning, beginning September 5th, from 9:30–10:45 a.m. Instruction will be provided by local resident Denise Gishler.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Daily pick up is provided to older residents with no means of transportation to and from the center. In addition, weekly trips are made to an area grocery store and assistance is given with shopping and carrying packages. Field trips to local stores and other places of interest are planned each month.

**RECREATION:** Social and recreational activities planned for September include: Bingo games (9/3, 9/9, 9/16, 9/23 and 9/30);



Senior Center Yoga students demonstrate the "Tree Pose" and "Squad Pose" during a class led by their Yoga instructor, Natasha Salmon Cogno.

a Miami Springs/Virginia Gardens Senior Citizens' Club business meeting (9/10); field trips to Westland Mall (9/4), a theatrical production of "Greater Tuna" (9/6), and Marlins' Stadium to watch the Marlins vs. Washington Nationals game (9/6); a Silent Auction sponsored by the MS/VG Senior Citizens' Club; a Zumba Dance Event and Ice Cream Social sponsored by Care Plus Health Plans, Inc. (9/18); and the monthly birthday and anniversary celebration (9/19).

**HEALTH SUPPORT & EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS:** The following programs are scheduled for 12:15 p.m. on the date listed. On September 11th, La Colonia Medical Center will sponsor a presentation on "Alzheimer's Disease" by Norma Trabanco, a Certified Alzheimer's Educator. The monthly "Crime Watch Program" by the City's Community Policing Officers Capote and Simon is scheduled for September 24th. On September 25th, El Jardin Pharmacy will sponsor a seminar on "Preventing Falls in Older Adults." Mayor Xavier Garcia will present the "Mayor's Report" on September 26th and will provide seniors with an update of recent Council actions and answer questions about important issues affecting City residents.

**Reservations are currently being accepted for the next Silver Surfers course**, a free computer and Internet 5-week training program. Classes are sponsored by S.T.E.P.S. in the Right Direction, Inc. and the Alliance for Aging, Inc. The next session will be offered for English speakers on Tuesday mornings beginning September 24th through October 1st through October 22th. Call to register as class size is limited.

For further information on any of the services, activities, or special programs offered, or to volunteer your time or talent, please contact the Elderly Services Department office at (305) 805-5160.

## Art in City Hall



Alex Abate, Carousel Horse/Oasis of the Seas, giclée, 9" x 12"

The current "Art in City Hall" exhibit featuring the work of Alex Abate will run through the end of September. You are invited to view the exhibit Monday through Friday in City Hall Lobby 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 some 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

### Are Your Children Ready To Be Home Alone?

Many families have both parents working. Other children come from single-parent families where that parent must work. The Miami Springs Police Department wants you to ask yourself a question; are your children ready to be alone after school. How old does a child have to be to be left home alone? In accordance to Florida Statutes (F.S.) Chapter 39 mandates that the Florida Abuse Hotline be contacted when any person who knows, or has reasonable cause to suspect, that a child of any age is being left home alone without adult supervision or arrangements appropriate for the child's age or mental or physical condition, so that the child is unable to care for the child's own needs or another's basic needs or is unable to exercise good judgment in responding to any kind of physical or emotional crisis. In the event that a Hotline Counselor is contacted, they would assess the information provided in the call and make a determination of report acceptance or non-acceptance based on statutory criteria.

#### Are your children ready to:

- Stay alone without being afraid?
- Follow rules and instruction?
- Be trusted to go straight home after school?
- Easily use the telephone, locks, and kitchen appliances?
- Handle unexpected situations without panicking?

#### Teach "Home Alone" Children:

- To always check in with you or a neighbor immediately after arriving home.
- How to call 9-1-1, or the Miami Springs Police Department at 305.888.9711
- How to give your home address and/or the address (or directions) of where they are, in case of an emergency.
- Never to accept gifts or rides from people they don't know or don't know well.
- Never to accept rides from friends, without letting you know first.
- How to use the door, window locks, and the alarm system, if you have one.
- To never open the door and let anyone into your home without asking your permission first.
- To never let the caller at the door or on



the phone know that they're alone. Teach them to say "Mom can't come to the phone (or door) right now".

- To always carry their house key with them in a safe place. Never leave it under a mat or on a ledge outside the house.

- How to escape in case of fire. Rehearse scenarios so they know what to do and won't panic.

- Not to go into their empty house or apartment if things don't look right; a broken window, ripped screen, or an opened door.

- To let you know about anything that frightens them or makes them feel uncomfortable.

- Make sure your children are old enough and mature enough to care for themselves.

- Prepare them with basic safety rules.

- Set up rules and procedures for locking doors and windows, answering the door or telephone. Be sure to rehearse these events.

- Know where your kids are, what they're doing, and who they're with.

- Agree on rules for inviting friends over and for going to a friend's house, when no adult is home.

Take time to listen carefully to children's fears and feelings about people or places that scare them or make them feel uneasy. Tell them to trust their instincts. Take complaints about bullies and other concerns seriously. Talk to your school administrators and/or pediatrician for advice and support.

Kids are naturally curious. Be sure to talk to them about the deadly consequences of guns, medicines, power tools, drugs, alcohol, cleaning products, and inhalants. Keep these items in a secure place out of sight and locked up.

## BUILDING & CODE COMPLIANCE DEPT.

305.805.5030

### SCHOOL IS OPEN!

It is that time again when our schools are back in operation, and as we all know Miami Springs has multiple schools. This means that we will see lots of traffic and possibly some parking issues. Most of our residents know that property owners have preferential use of the swale areas adjacent to their properties. From time to time, the Police Department or Code Compliance Department has to inform the general public about our Code provisions and let them know that you cannot park on the swale area in front of a single family zoned property without the permission of the property owner.

Some property owners have placed unsafe material on their swales in an effort to keep drivers from parking their vehicles there. This too is a Code violation.

Please keep in mind when placing material on the swale that all such placements need to be approved by the Public Services Department. Code Section 96-07 clearly specifies what is prohibited and what is allowed on the City swales. Some portions of that Code section are listed below.

#### As for all our other City Codes... When in doubt give us a shout!!

Sec. 96-07. (D-1-4) Maintenance of City parkway and swale areas.

(D) In consideration for the duty and obligation imposed by this ordinance upon property owners to maintain all swale areas abutting and adjacent to their property, and the liability created by the provision hereof requiring the elimination of any dangerous conditions or safety hazards in such swale areas, owners of property abutting and adjacent to swale areas

are hereby granted a preferential right to the usage of such swale areas as hereinafter set forth.

(1) The preferential right herein conferred upon such property owners shall include all reasonable and justifiable usages of the swale areas, including, but not limited to, the parking of automobiles and the beautification purposes provided in subsection (c) of this ordinance.

(2) The property owner may also permit others to utilize the subject swale areas for all reasonable and justifiable purposes.

(3) The property owner may enforce its preferential rights to the usage of such swale areas by requesting that other parties utilizing such areas, without permission or authorization, cease and desist from the unauthorized use of such areas immediately. If the property owner's request to discontinue the unauthorized use is unsuccessful, the property owner may contact the City Code Compliance Department or the City Police Department for assistance in enforcing the preferential rights conferred by this Ordinance.

(4) The use of any such swale area by any party in contravention of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be subject to the code enforcement provisions and procedures set forth in the City Code of Ordinances and the provisions of the Miami-Dade County Code of Ordinances and state law applicable to such unauthorized use.

**Sec. 96-07 (C-5 & 9). Maintenance of City parkway and swale areas.**

(5) No large railroad ties or concrete pyramid buttons may be located in the City swale

## PARKS & RECREATION DEPT.

305.805.5075/76 1401 WESTWARD DRIVE  
FOLLOW US ON TWITTER @MIAMISPRINGSREC

#### 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 is open. The registration fee is \$35.00; cost is \$8.00 per day. 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 open. 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:** Tuesday & Thursday 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 \$4.00, 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. 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. Please call the Community Center for details. The next YOGA registration will be September 16th at the Miami Springs Community Center at 6:45 pm.

We are now offering a Saturday drop in



The "Black Team" celebrates being "35 & over" Champs for the 2013 season!

YOGA class. The cost per class is \$5.00 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. 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: Open Swim 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 1:00p.m. – 5:00 p.m., weather permitting

**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.

Sessions run every two weeks and swim classes are offered year round. Our prices are \$45.00 per session and we offer various types of classes.

**Class Times:** 6:00p.m., 7:00p.m.

**Water Aerobics:** Monday, Wednesday & Friday 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Tuesday & Thursday: 6:00 p.m. -7:00 p.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

## HUMAN RESOURCES DEPT. 305.805.5009

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

Happy Birthday and Best Wishes to the following City employees:

9/1	Jeanne Malden	9/7	Barbara Robinson
9/3	Alicia Gonzalez & Lazaro Garaboa	9/29	David Olivas
9/5	Tulio Garcia Sr.	9/30	Cheryl Mulet

#### Recognizing long term employees:

The following employees had their anniversary date in August

Thomas D. Kelly completed 26 years of service.

Armando Dominguez completed 20 years of service.

Noel F. Acosta, Erik M. Estok, and Antonio R. Pérez completed 10 years of service.

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

areas. However, nonpermanent materials, not exceeding six inches in height, such as small landscape timbers and decorative masonry brick, or natural stone, may be utilized as part of a planting or landscaping plan.

(9) Small, round and flat-topped concrete parking or traffic buttons may be utilized, so long as the buttons do not obstruct the access to, nor the use of, the City swale areas.

#### Sec. 96-07 (C-3). Maintenance of City parkway and swale areas.

All proposed planting and landscaping designs or plans shall be submitted for approval to the City public works department and City code enforcement department before installation.

**PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY, ESPECIALLY NEAR SCHOOL ZONES!**

# September 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> LABOR DAY! CITY HALL CLOSED!	<b>3</b> BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT/ ZONING: 7:00 P.M.	<b>4</b> ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW: 7:00 P.M. CURBSIDE RECYCLING	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> CITY COUNCIL MEETING —FIRST BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING: 7:00 P.M.	<b>10</b> RECREATION COMMISSION: 7:00 P.M.	<b>11</b> GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB: 7:00 P.M.	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Adopt-a-Tree: 9 A.M.-noon at the Community Center
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> REVITALIZATION & REDEVELOPMENT: 7:00 P.M.	<b>17</b> EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD: 6:30 P.M.	<b>18</b> BOARD OF PARKS AND PARKWAYS MEETING: 7:00 P.M. CURBSIDE RECYCLING	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> CITY COUNCIL MEETING —SECOND BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING: 7:00 P.M.	<b>24</b> ECOLOGY BOARD: 7 :00 P.M.	<b>25</b> HISTORIC PRESERVATION: 7:00 P.M.	<b>26</b> CODE REVIEW: 7:00 P.M.	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>					
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